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the ball.

Make Ron supremo

RON Greenwood expected to be villified for England's failures in their World Cup campaign. He was not disappointed.

The outcry after England's defeat in Switzerland rivalled the abuse Alf Ramsey received when his England team failed to overcome Poland at Wembley and qualify for the 1974 World Cup.

The reaction was a mixture of outrage and overwhelming disappointment, generated by the alarming thought that England face a 16-year absence from World Cup Finals, maybe longer if they fail to arrest a decline in international performances.

All of it is understandable — and Ron Greenwood has bravely borne the brunt of the critics' wrath.

SHOOT view!

Some are already calling for the England manager's scalp despite the face saving result in Hungary and the good possibility England will qualify for Spain.

Predictably, Peter Taylor has said publicly that he and Brian Clough would do the England job, and do it well. Someone suggested that Bobby Robson might consider running the national team on a part-time basis, while retaining full control of Ipswich Town.

Meanwhile, Ron Greenwood has to suffer the gibes of his critics and keep on smiling.

Perhaps the time is ripe to remind people of the contribution Ron Greenwood has made to English football. The efficiency with which he has masterminded the re-organisation of England's international teams at all levels is a tribute to Greenwood's far reaching knowledge of the world game.

The best course of action for the F.A., is to promote Ron Greenwood, not sack him. He should be given overall control of England's international set-up at all age levels in a supremo position.

His elevation would smooth the way for another man, totally independent of Greenwood in selecting teams, to be given the responsibility of managing the full England side.

Ron Greenwood's original appointment by the F.A., in August, 1977, was for a period of four months. In December that year he was asked to continue on a contract stretching to July, 1980. In November, 1980 he signed a three-year contract for the purpose of keeping him in charge of the England team until the end of the World Cup in 1982.

To boot him out now would merely serve to fuel arguments that professional football has gone rotten.

Ron Greenwood is too valuable to English football for that to be a sensible course of action.

ON TOUR WITH ENGLAND... ON TOUR

BACKGROUND

WITH four defeats in their last five games, plus an acute goal shortage, England went to Switzerland and Hungary surrounded by doubts and controversy. Manager Ron Greenwood was still seething after what he called "being

stabbed in the back" by the Press who, he claimed, seriously misquoted him. Anything less than two points would have made England's chances of qualifying for their first World Cup Finals for 12 years virtually non-existent. Chris Davies reports.



ESPAÑA 82

MAY 27th

A boost for England when Liverpool win the European Cup. "This is great for British soccer," says Greenwood. Ray Clemence, Phil Neal, Phil Thompson, Sammy Lee and Terry McDermott join the England squads in Zurich in high spirits. Phil Neal, with Graeme Souness, have an unexpected end to the Final. Kept behind for dope tests, they miss the team coach and catch the Press bus instead. They're dropped by a cab rank, but after 15 minutes no cab appears. Out of the blue, a police van arrives, it's flagged down and takes them to the Hotel Meridien in Paris, blue lights a-flashing, for the celebration banquet.

MAY 28th

Flight BA 9136 arrives at 14.05 in Zurich, 35 minutes late. The atmosphere is tense as the English Press await Greenwood. Kevin Keegan autographs a pair of jeans for a female fan and walks through the group of journalists without saying a word. Others are more relaxed. At a Press conference at the England hotel Greenwood makes an unfortunate start, remembering his "mis-quoting" accusation. He says: "For the Hungary game I'm bringing Phil Thompson into the squad and Brian Rix will drop out..." The players have a light training session; the Liverpool heroes are excused, but go along to watch anyway.

MAY 29th

Greenwood announces his team for Switzerland. There are few surprises. "We must get four points from the two games and let the others worry about us," he says. The atmosphere is still somewhat cool. "The tour is fraught with expectations. I don't know what yours are..." Dick Wragg, chairman of the



What a difference a week makes. Swiss celebrations in Basle (left) while Kevin Keegan, coach Bill Taylor and Trevor Brooking enjoy the victory in Budapest.

international committee, says: "We have complete confidence in Ron Greenwood and his staff." Greenwood jokes: "If that had been said at club level I'd be worried!" Everyone is aware that England must win in Basle the next day. After lunch the players have a swim, play ten pin bowling, watch some videos or simply relax. It'll be a long 24 hours, especially for those not playing. Glenn Hoddle looks particularly upset at being left out.

MAY 30th

A good start for England as the English Media XI beat the Swiss Press 5-4 after being 0-4 down at half-time. The Media XI is re-inforced by Terry Venables and Howard Wilkinson, from the Under-21 coaching staff, while Bobby Charlton of the BBC scores the winner in the last minute following a typical 40-yard run. Venables is happy to have extended his unique record of playing for England at every level. At the stadium the signs are ominous as hundreds of England fans sit in the Basle sunshine drinking all afternoon. Sure enough, as Switzerland take a



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dramatic 2-0 lead trouble starts on the terraces just as it did in Turin a year ago. Only 40 police were originally on duty, and although the Swiss aren't used to such behaviour perhaps stronger measures should have been taken in view of the dreadful record of England followers. A disastrous day for England — defeat and a riot; it couldn't have been worse. Afterwards the Swiss manager Paul Wolfisberg says: "When Hungary win in Budapest next Saturday England will be out of the World Cup." The players leave the stadium heads down. Keegan is too upset even to do his article for the following day's *Sunday Mirror*.

everyone, which makes criticism and thoughts of the sack/resignation difficult. "I'm sorry I can't be in a bright mood," he tells the equally upset journalists. "It's going to be a hard week for us, but we'll pick ourselves up for Hungary. Six points from the remaining three matches should see us through. We've GOT to think it's possible until it's impossible. I'm the one who takes the can. The players who made the mistakes last night don't have to be told. They know. It's no use blaming bad luck. If you make mistakes and miss goals it's bad play." A journalist tells Greenwood of the Media XI's great win. "Perhaps we should have a

had a couple of 'ringers' against Switzerland," he smiled, but it didn't come easily. The players appear and quickly disappear to the swimming-pool or the golf course. Anything to take their mind off last night... which, of course, nothing can. None of the senior players goes to the Under-21 game, a drab 0-0 draw played by the beautiful setting of Lake Neuchetel.

JUNE 2nd

Today has been declared a No Press day; so Ron Greenwood can relax. Really, though, there is little more that can be asked or said right now. Everyone is aware of the situation — nobody wants to talk about it. The Battle of Basle seems a long time ago and the Funeral (?) in Budapest a long way away. The weather is hot, too hot for comfort. Training is not welcome in the humidity, even if it relieves the boredom. Players stroll around the hotel looking for something to do. Because it's so hot they are even forbidden to sunbathe. Some swim in the indoor pool; some go shopping, an expensive way of filling time when a beer costs almost £1. Tomorrow the party moves to Budapest, which will at least give everyone something to do. Meanwhile, at the Press hotel, Denis Law, here for BBC Radio, proves to be the Mastermind of Zurich. At an after-dinner quiz between a handful of sports journalists,

JUNE 1st

The senior players have a long work-out in the scorching Zurich sun and getting back into the swing of things lifts their spirits a

little. In the afternoon some go on a boat trip, some lounge by the pool. Justin Fashanu and Chris Woods play tennis, eight others try the local golf course. Glenn Hoddle is enjoying his new stereo cassette. Ron Greenwood is more relaxed, although inwardly he must be wondering what team he should pick for the most important — and possibly even the last — game as manager of England.



Justin Fashanu takes it easy with a cold drink in the Zurich sunshine, while Ron Greenwood puts over a point to the seniors in training.



UNEXPECTED

MAY 31st

At Ron Greenwood's morning-after-the-night-before Press conference the mood is sad and silent. No one wants to mention his job is on the line — it's understood, and despite the recent row between the England manager and the Press, the journalists care deeply about success for England. Greenwood is a likeable and popular man with



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including yours truly, the Law man was out on his own, knowing just about all the answers to the questions, which ranged from football, to golf, to American presidents to rivers. And when Denis didn't know the answer he jotted down the one given to check later. Even as a broadcaster Denis doesn't trust the Press ...

JUNE 3rd

Steve Coppell is still being ribbed by the golfers in the squad about yesterday's outing. Stevie had become friendly with a Swiss gentleman at the course, and when the England players arrived the Manchester United winger invited his new friend to make up the numbers. "He's not much good," said Steve as the side bets were made. England can't win even at golf and Steve's friend cleaned up. At the early morning Press conference Greenwood is in good spirits, although he reacted when a journalist asked about the players' relaxation. He was worried that playing golf or going to the horses may be misinterpreted. Greenwood refuses to discuss his future, but joked: "I expect they've got them all lined up back home to take my place. Do we get prizes for guessing who?" He asks if the Press have a match in Hungary, which they don't. "Are they too good for you?" he enquires. "Ron, you've misinterpreted that ..." replied one writer. The Under-21's train, but the seniors have the day off; Joe Corrigan, who dislikes not training, joins the youngsters. Greenwood says he knows his team for Saturday and he'll announce it on Friday. The party flies to Budapest mid-afternoon where the secretary of the Hungarian F.A. informs them that Rumania have beaten Norway 1-0. It's 88 degrees and sticky. "Over 750,000 people applied for tickets for the game," the Hungarian guide tells us. "Fat Stanislav must be making a fortune," said someone, but it's lost on the guide.

JUNE 4th

Most of the players sleep late and



take breakfast in their rooms. It's too hot to train during the day, so training is arranged for 8pm, the time of the game. News reaches the England hotel that a Hungarian fan has been jailed for five months for trying to sell his match ticket on the black market. Unfortunately for him the person he tried to sell it was a policeman. In the afternoon the Under-21's leave for their game in Keszthely. The seniors have a boat trip down the Danube. At training Greenwood gives nothing away regarding the most important team line-up he'll choose.

JUNE 5th

Ron Greenwood will announce his team at nine o'clock after training. The guessing games go on — that everyone seems to have a different team is in itself a sad comment on the team. The players are happy with the pitch in the Nep Stadium, softened a little by two storms. General opinion is that it's better than Wembley. The Under-21's 2-1 victory lifts the spirits of the squad, although the win was soured by Sammy Lee's sending-off. The senior players play cards, do some shopping, killing time before 7.30 when they leave for training. Greenwood's selection is controversial — few thought Kenny Sansom would be dropped, despite a poor performance in Switzerland. We wonder how it will affect him: Ray Wilkins says he's going to train

every day throughout the summer to ensure he's at peak fitness next season. Kevin Keegan goes on television and blames the Press for destroying the morale. Doesn't he realise that after six games without a win and England's World Cup hopes fading, criticism is inevitable? Does he expect the Press and public to be saying nice things about a side that looks like missing out on the biggest-ever World Cup Finals?

JUNE 6th

Today England's World Cup future — not to mention Ron Greenwood's position as manager — will be decided. John Bond arrives to assist ITV with their live broadcast; it seems strange to have one of the 'experts' in the same hotel as the team. The

England forwards are finding space in the Hungarian defence and deservedly take the lead. Only Torocsik is causing any real danger to England. A minute before half-time disaster strikes. Hungary equalise with a scrappy goal; the crowd, which had been quiet, erupts. In the 59th minute England deservedly go ahead again with a goal that Trevor Brooking will never better. Thirteen minutes later Kevin Keegan is brought down by Garaba and the England captain makes no mistake with the penalty. Three-one — suddenly Spain seems much closer. At the end of the game Ron Greenwood is inwardly delighted, but outwardly cold. He makes a statement to the Press rather than give a conference. Is it his way of getting back at the men who he claimed stabbed him in the back? The F.A. have a champagne dinner

Peter Withe and Paul Mariner during a trip down the Danube ... Garry Thompson in action for the Under-21's against Hungary ... and Steve Coppell during the memorable victory in the Nep Stadium, which brought England's World Cup hope alive again.



Under-21's are in high spirits: their work is done and they can unwind. The senior players sleep late and mostly stay in their rooms. Kenny Sansom and Glenn Hoddle, not even on the subs bench, play cards — it would be interesting to be a fly on their table. At 5.30 players and Press congregate in the lobby. There will be a police escort to the stadium and the instructions were that "the coaches are leaving at six and we will wait for no one." We arrive at the Nep Stadium at around 6.20. A game involving Hungarian heroes of yesteryear is in progress. Ferenc Puskas scores a hat-trick, which delights the crowd he thrilled in the 50's and 60's. The Nep Stadium is impressive and partisan; not the sort of place a manager would, ideally, choose for the venue. The team sheets are handed round and the game has been billed as Hungary versus Great Britain. "England need all the help they can get," someone remarks. The night is warm and still. England will surely have to slow down the pace of the game. Something unexpected happens — Hungary aren't all over England. The

to celebrate. The conversation in the Inter-Continental Hotel is about the World Cup Finals — playing in them as opposed to missing out. Some journalists have to dine on humble pie. Hungary had been over-estimated and England under-estimated. Does one swallow make a summer? Will the real England please stand up.

JUNE 7th

There are a few bleary eyes and throbbing heads as the party leaves Budapest, but no one's complaining. Ron Greenwood has the smile of a man who has just won the pools. As the players board the plane they make a dive for the papers. They're out of luck — only the early export editions are available which don't include a match report. The job has been done. If England beat Norway in Oslo and Hungary at Wembley in their remaining ties they can book their tickets for Spain. Despite the weather, it looks like being a good English summer after all.



didn't have anything like the appetite we had for the game. When they lost possession they didn't fight very hard to win the ball back.

So — why did we win in Hungary when we couldn't beat Spain, Rumania, Brazil, Wales and Scotland at Wembley, not to mention Switzerland, a side I rated only average?

The key was experience. It may be an old cliché, but there is no substitute for it. When the chips are down, as they were in Budapest, you need every bit of experience available.

We had players who had been in similar situations before. The Football League and international football are worlds apart — playing for England is an education and while the younger players had played previously, maybe the danger is in

them straight from the re-start.

At the final whistle a margin of 5-1 would not have flattered us, such was our superiority. I'm not counting any chickens before they're hatched, but it's a nice feeling to have our destiny in our own hands again.

For me, it was a week of personal assessment. After a defeat, every player should take a close look at his performance if he has any pride.

I'd conceded two goals in Basle and I re-played them many times in my own mind. I didn't see them on television until I went home and watched a video recording.

Committed

For Switzerland's first goal by Scheiwiler I committed myself to go one way — the wrong way. Had I stayed where I was he may have scored anyway. Who knows?

I got a hand to Sulser's second. I thought it was enough to turn it

Despair for Ray after Switzerland's second goal in Basle, scored by Sulser.

'MY ENGLAND CAREER WAS ON THE LINE'



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

THE 11 days between the European Cup Final in Paris and England's victory in Hungary were the most traumatic of my career. Never have I experienced such a high and a low... being part of the first club in Britain to win the European Cup three times, and then almost seeing my England career ended.

After the 2-1 defeat in Switzerland I knew that anything less than victory in Budapest would almost certainly mean England not qualifying for the World Cup. The six or seven players around the 30 mark were also fully aware that it would probably mean the end of their international dreams.

Highest

I've won virtually everything at club level. I'd love to play at the very highest level for England in the 1982 World Cup Finals and this was what was at stake in Budapest.

We were expected to avoid defeat at least in Switzerland. The week between the two games was, indeed, a long one, especially as four days were spent in Budapest, a beautiful city but hardly the fun centre of Europe.

The Press had been thrusting the knife in and we heard that various managers were already putting themselves forward for Ron Greenwood's job.

The spirit in the England camp was so strong, we were so determined to win, that any 11 of the players would have done the job. Hungary had a tremendous home record, they were the in-form team, yet our experience and application saw us comfortably through.

I'm loathe to criticise Hungary because I don't want to take anything away from our performance, the best in my career as an international. Suffice to say their players

having too many in the team together. Certainly Budapest's superb Nep Stadium is no place for the weak and we had 11 strong-willed players out there.

It was hot and humid. Our experience told us to slow the game down, otherwise we'd run out of steam. Our experience enabled us to dominate and dictate the match. Our experience helped us overcome conceding a goal with virtually the last kick of the first-half.

During the interval Ron Greenwood praised us for our efforts, pointed out that for most of the time the Hungarians' heads were down... and to go out and get at

clear but the ball crept agonisingly inside the post.

Garaba's goal for Hungary came because I expected the ball to bounce higher, enabling me to take in on the first bounce. It didn't and he managed to squeeze it past me. England have not done as well as they should have under Ron Greenwood, but to a man we were delighted for him to win in Hungary, the place where his football philosophy was born in the 50's. We're not in Spain yet, but victories against Norway and Hungary again should see us through.



Ray Clemence

Phil Neal leaves Hungary's Andreas Torocsik grounded in the Nep Stadium.

THE last-minute withdrawals of England and Wales from their scheduled end-of-term British Championship games with Northern Ireland, at Windsor Park, came too late to prevent printing and publishing of the combined and attractive souvenir programme covering both games.

Copies of this now unique international programme for the games that never were can be obtained (Price 60p) either from the Irish Football Association, 20 Windsor Avenue, Belfast, or Linfield F.C., Windsor Park, Belfast.

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TOTTENHAM'S Steve Archibald finished last season as the First Division's leading League goalscorer. His total of 20 goals was the lowest by the top man since the last War.

ROWELL ON THE MOVE

WHEN Sunderland finally get things sorted out and appoint a manager to take over from Ken Knighton, the first phone call he will get when he moves in to his office at Roker Park will be from Birmingham boss Jim Smith.

Smith is keen to land Sunderland's unhappy Gary Rowell and he may tempt the new boss to part with him by offering England Under-21 star Kevin Dillon.

Dillon is still on the transfer list and would welcome a move back to his native North-East to play for the team he supported as a schoolboy.

Wembley star Narey's big problem

WHAT is Dundee United star David Narey's best position? The player himself believes it is centre-half — but manager Jim McLean and Scotland boss Jock Stein disagree.

They say David is best in midfield — and point to his terrific display against England at Wembley when he came on for the injured Asa Hartford.

Now, they are trying to convince him that his future with United and Scotland is in midfield.

Says McLean, who is also Stein's Scotland assistant: "The central defensive positions are well filled, so if David wants to play for Scotland it must be as a midfielder. I'll certainly be using him there for United next season because we need his height and pace in the middle of the park. He has too much ability to tie himself down to the back four."

United do not have to worry about leaving a gap at the back by moving David forward — their 18-year-old South African defender Richard Gough has shown such promise in the reserves that he is certain to break into the first team next season.



Arsenal rejected Flynn

BRIAN Flynn, known as the "mighty Atom" at Leeds United, was discarded by Arsenal and Chelsea when he showed up in London as a youngster hoping to persuade the clubs that he was worthy of a contract.

The big London clubs declined to sign Flynn because of his lack of height — he is only 5ft 3 inches.

Burnley manager Jimmy Adamson decided to take a chance on the Welshman, who had captained Wales Schools, by offering him a contract.

His confidence paid handsome dividends and Flynn's performances for Wales in their World Cup campaign have earned him admirers well beyond the boundaries of Leeds.

Leeds' chief scout Tony Collins says: "He's worked hard and no one can fault him for effort. Everyone must warm to him for what he does in a game. He gives you everything. He never hides if things aren't going well."

"He's a manager's player."



HISTORY

THE O'Doherty brothers, Tony and Donal, made history by playing on opposite sides in the FAI Cup Final. And to make the record more interesting neither player was on the field for the full 90 minutes.

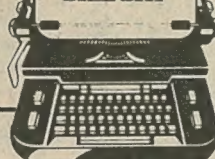
Donal started the game for Sligo Rovers, but had to go off injured in the second half, only minutes after his older brother Tony came on as substitute for Dundalk. Dundalk won.

CLIVE HAYWOOD, a 20-year-old striker who had a couple of seasons with Coventry and played in the First Division, certainly moves around.

The boy from Ramsgate in Kent had three months playing for Seiko in the Hong Kong First Division. Now given a free transfer by Coventry, he has joined Washington Diplomats on a two-year contract.

NEWS DESK

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WHEN he was 21 Kevin Moran was not playing soccer regularly. At that time he was playing Gaelic Football for his native Dublin. It could be said that he came of age in the soccer sense four years later. On his 25th birthday Kevin scored twice in Eire's 3-1 win over Czechoslovakia — his first goals in international football.

LIVERPOOL'S Ronnie Whelan won his first Eire cap when he came on as substitute against Czechoslovakia last month. Ronnie's father was also an Eire international. This brings to five the number of father and son combinations who have played for Eire.

RANKED Newry Town's top goalkeeping "find" since the early '60s emergence of eventual superstar Pat Jennings, it came as no surprise when net-minder Micky Keenan was named the South Down outfit's 1981 "Player of the Year".

Like predecessor Jennings, agile and acrobatic Keenan is a former Northern Ireland Youth international. After his superlative displays in Newry's fine Irish "B" Division and Intermediate Cup "double" triumph last term, a bevy of senior bosses are hot on the heels of the big custodian.

Briefly...

● While Tottenham's Graham Roberts was playing in the F.A. Cup Final against Manchester City on Saturday May 9th, his sister Sharon was helping her team Southampton win the 11th women's F.A. Cup Final, beating the holders St. Helens 4-2.

● Bohemians made a profit of £22,500 last season. All but two and a half thousand came from bar profits!

● University College Dublin will make a pre-season tour of the Far

East. Games have been arranged for Indonesia, Hong Kong, The Philippines and Malaysia.

● Yet again Walsall have proved the exception to the rule. The Fellows Park club have announced a profit of £51,000 on their last financial year.

● Darren Gale, a 17-year-old striker with Swansea City, has dreamed about playing for The Swans in the First Division. His dream could be realised next season.

A former Welsh schoolboy international at soccer, Darren was also a Welsh Rugby Union triallist.

● Tottenham have shown a keen interest in Sligo

Rovers left-back Charlie McGreever.

● Loss of revenue through the turnstiles last season has hit many clubs. First Division Stoke reckon they are £100,000 down on takings.

And manager Alan Durban says: "To think I could have bought Peter Fox twice and a Brendan O'Callaghan for that money."

Goalkeeper Fox was bought from Sheffield Wednesday in March, 1978, and O'Callaghan, signed at the same time as a centre-forward from Doncaster Rovers, ended last season by giving some inspiring displays in central defence.

Forest praise rivals County

CONGRATULATIONS poured in from all parts of the world when Notts County ended 55 years in exile by returning to the First Division.

And nowhere was their triumph more enthusiastically received than across the River Trent at the City Ground, where Forest assistant-manager Peter Taylor is a self-confessed County fan.

He explained: "I'm a Nottingham man — born and bred — and the prospect of seeing the two clubs thriving in the First Division delights me."

"As a youngster I used to support both of them and regularly went to Meadow Lane and the City Ground when they were at home on alternate Saturdays."

"Having the two clubs up there alongside each other is a marvellous thing for the city. For a place the size of Nottingham, it's an incredible achievement."

"I'm thrilled that County have made it and I'm sure their success will stimulate us. Apart from anything else, it will virtually guarantee two capacity gates next season and that's something I always like to see."

FRANS THUISSEN earns more than Ipswich captain Mick Mills and it doesn't worry the England full-back one jot.

"After all," says Mick, "he's got the inconvenience of moving abroad and living in a foreign country and should be rewarded accordingly."

David Letham, President of the Scottish League, is encouraging clubs to entertain fans.

The former Queen's Park wing-half is optimistic that Scottish clubs can arrest the decline in attendances at matches.

"Let's look at the positive side," he says. "Andy Roxburgh is doing a great job as national coach. He's running ambitious schemes from schools level upwards, and his coaching ideas are the right ones."

"People do not like the word coaching. It suggests stereotyping players, but that is not the case with Andy's work."

Mr Letham is pleased with the level of understanding between the SFA and the Scottish League.

He hopes that the current indiscipline in everyday life will not be carried onto the pitch and trusts that players will accept referees' decisions without question.

SUPER SCOTS

THE verdict of Glasgow Evening Times soccer writer Alan Davidson on the British Championship clash between England and Scotland at Wembley: "An occasion, which in the past, has made even the attraction of a Sinatra concert pale into insignificance, will be remembered as losing its appeal in 1981."

"There were rows of empty seats. The mystery was the absence of Englishmen. The attendance, almost certainly inflated, was given as 90,000. The missing spectators might have stayed at home because of violence."

Mr Davidson is spot on in his assumption. However much a football fan loves the great game, he would rather protect his scalp than run the risk of watching a match from terraces filled with hooligans.

Thankfully, on the day, the Scottish supporters were a credit to their team.

In sharp contrast, the disgraceful behaviour of England's so-called fans in Switzerland will burn on the memory for many a day.

Heath praised

ADRIAN HEATH, Stoke City's forward, is utterly professional, according to England Under-21 coach Terry Venables.

After his third appearance for the young England team, Venables remarked: "He has played once as a striker, once as a winger and once in midfield. Some players aren't happy to play in unfamiliar roles, but Adrian is as good as gold."

"Adrian's attitude is utterly professional. He doesn't moan, just gets on with his job and has been outstanding in all three matches."

Much more will be heard of Adrian Heath.

Treasure Island F.C.

ARGUABLY the most isolated football pitch in the world can be found on the island of Grip, an hour's sail from Kristiansund in Norway.

No roads, just concrete paths on the island, a few houses, a shop and a church plus a full size football pitch with a surface like gravel.

In 1640 and 1802 the island was completely overwhelmed by the sea and during the last few years all the inhabitants have left.

The houses are now holiday homes and the football pitch is still awaiting any hopefuls.

Brooking joins village people



WEST HAM and England star Trevor Brooking gives some advice to young players training at Eurosports Village, Shotley, near Ipswich.

Trevor has given his name to a series of tournaments being held at Eurosports Village this year.

The Village covers over 100 acres and offers a full training and coaching service to footballers everywhere — both amateurs and professionals.

Sexton wins striker's vote

COVENTRY's burly big black striker Garry Thompson just can't wait for the new season to start. For he is looking forward to playing under new Coventry team boss Dave Sexton.

Playing for Sexton won't be a new experience for Birmingham-born Thompson. He was in the England

Under-21 side against Rumania last season which Sexton looked after.

Thompson is full of praise for Sexton. He said: "Dave Sexton told me just to go out and play my own game and that's exactly what I did that night."

Thompson was a sensation that night and after the full international outfit had flopped in their World Cup clash with the senior Rumanians, boss Ron Greenwood showed what he thought of the Coventry star by saying: "It was a great pity we did not have Garry Thompson or someone like that to get on the end of the crosses."

JIMMY NICHOLL'S spectacular 25-yard thunderbolt in the 3-0 October, 1980, Group Six win over Sweden, at Windsor Park, was Northern Ireland's 50th World cup goal against foreign opposition.

ONE of the most recent advocates of summer soccer in Eire is 89-year-old Billy Lord. The man whose name is synonymous with Shamrock Rovers, says that winter is getting too cold for him!

LIFE is certainly looking up for Wimbledon. The Plough Lane club's players are now being issued with towels by the club. Previously, they had to bring their own to dry themselves after baths.

OPTIMISTIC quote from Bournemouth boss David Webb: "I think we'll win promotion next season — in fact, I'll go further and say I reckon we will win the Fourth Division title."

STEVE KEMBER, the 32-year-old former Chelsea, Crystal Palace and Leicester midfielder star, has retired after a spell with Vancouver Whitecaps. Steve, who suffered ligament and cartilage problems last year and had to undergo two operations, hopes to get into coaching in England.



WHAT A LINE-UP. From left to right, Alan Kennedy, goal-scoring hero of Liverpool's European Cup triumph in Paris, the Champions Cup, and Shirley Heflop, Alan's girlfriend, at a celebratory dinner after the game.



'I MIGHT LEAVE— BUT NOT FOR THE SCRAPHEAP'

Good times. Scotland's Johnstone equalises against Northern Ireland in 1978.

show my true ability.

At the moment all I want is a peaceful rest away from the game with my wife Marion and my twin daughters Donna and Heather.

I am going to recharge my batteries and get ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

Marion is expecting another child soon and that has given me plenty to think about, I can assure you.

We moved into a nice detached house in Bearsden, on the outskirts of Glasgow, not that long ago and it would be a pity to be moving out so soon.

Nonsense

I have nothing against Rangers Football Club. People have talked about a war between John Greig and myself. That's utter nonsense.

I used to room with Mr Greig when we were both players and I have nothing but respect for him.

We may not have always seen eye-to-eye but you can't take anything away from the boss. He did it all as a player and he's determined to realise his ambition as a manager.

Rangers have a glorious past behind them and a marvellous future in front of them. Will I be there to share it? Who knows?

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

MY FUTURE at club level is up in the air at the moment and, as I told **SHOOT** readers exclusively six weeks ago, it could be that I will not end my playing days with Rangers.

It will sadden me if I have to leave Ibrox, but that is the route I will certainly take if I think it will benefit my career. I may be on the transfer list, but I am in no rush to leave.

I signed a new one-year contract a few weeks ago so obviously I still feel I have something to offer the club I have enjoyed playing for over the past 11 years since I was 16.

You know, football can be a very strange game. I'm the first to admit I didn't play to anything like my top form last season. I was moved around the team, playing at the back, in midfield and up front and this may have had something to do with my lapse.

But I have no intention of landing on the soccer scrapheap at 27. I haven't lost complete faith in my ability although it would appear that



**Tartan
Talk**

**DEREK
JOHNSTONE**

some of my critics have.

Let's face it, I haven't done too badly. I've scored more goals in the Premier Division than any other player and only three short years ago I finished the season with a tally of 41 goals. That's not bad going, is it?

But I don't want to dwell on the past. I suffered a reaction, like a lot of Scots, after the disappointment of the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina.

It sickens me that I didn't even get a kick of the ball in the games against Peru, Iran and Holland. Just before the Scots left for South America, we had scored only two goals in the three British Championship matches . . . both notched by yours truly.

I netted against Northern Ireland and Wales and was looking forward

to the big game against England at Hampden when the former manager Ally MacLeod told me I was dropped and he was bringing in Joe Jordan instead. Fair enough, I thought, although I was very disappointed. We lost that match 1-0.

Honestly, I thought I would get a game in Argentina, but it was a colossal waste of time, and can anyone blame me for being disillusioned?

I have only played once since returning from Argentina . . . in the 3-1 defeat from Belgium in the European Championship at Hampden last year.

I played up front and hardly got a kick of the ball. It was a nightmare evening for everyone . . . in fact, we were losing 3-0 before half-time.

It was a dreadful experience, but I am adamant that my international career is not at a standstill. I think my recent experiences will help me in the future.

I have been on the receiving end of some fairly uncomplimentary remarks recently and they have made me even more determined to

NOBBY



WALES

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	5	4	1	0	10	0	9
Czechoslovakia	4	3	0	1	11	1	6
U.S.S.R.	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
Iceland	5	1	0	4	5	18	2
Turkey	5	0	0	5	1	13	0

To play: Sept. 2 Iceland v Turkey.
Sept. 9 Czechoslovakia v Wales.
Sept. 23 U.S.S.R. v Turkey, Iceland v Czechoslovakia. Oct. 7 Turkey v U.S.S.R. Oct. 14 Wales v Iceland. Oct. 28 U.S.S.R. v Czechoslovakia. Nov. 18 U.S.S.R. v Wales. Nov. 30 Czechoslovakia v U.S.S.R.



IRELAND

Group 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	5	3	2	0	6	2	8
N. Ireland	6	2	2	2	5	3	6
Portugal	4	2	1	1	4	1	5
Sweden	5	1	2	2	2	5	4
Israel	6	0	3	3	2	8	3

To play: June 17 Sweden v Portugal. Sept. 9 Scotland v Sweden. Oct. 14 Portugal v Sweden. Oct. 28 Israel v Portugal. Nov. 18 Northern Ireland v Israel, Portugal v Scotland.

'Our defence could see us to Spain' says JOEY JONES

FURY among the Welsh players. "We've dropped one World Cup qualifying point in five matches and suddenly we are being written off for next year's Finals in Spain. It's crazy!" snaps full-back Joey Jones.

There could not be a better man than the lean Wrexham defender to counter the opinion that a point lost to the USSR signalled the beginning of the end of the brave Welsh challenge. He was voted top Welsh player after the recent 0-0 duel at the Racecourse.

"Yes, I think maybe it was my best international in my 38 games for Wales, but it was just part of a terrific team effort against a very fine side," insists Jones.

'Common'

"We have now played all four nations in group three and the one thing they have in common is that none of them — Iceland, Turkey, Czechoslovakia and now the Russians — has scored against us.

"Some critics have now written us off because we failed to win with home advantage... they are giving us no credit at all for being good enough to take a point in Czechoslovakia or the USSR. It is ridiculous because this defence, of which I'm proud to be a part, has not yet conceded a goal!

"This record proves that we ARE good enough to achieve exactly

that. Bearing in mind that we have a home game to come against Iceland — which has to be worth two points — we then have 11 points. That, in itself, will be enough to take us to the Finals if the Russians or the Czechs make a slip, particularly against each other.

"Even if they don't, this Welsh team has the right blend of determination and skill to take a point in either country."

Jones, along with manager Mike England, skipper Terry Yorath and just about everyone else in the Welsh camp, believes that the Russians will win the group. "They are superior to the Czechs, especially in their teamwork," says Yorath. "I would put them in the top four of World football.

"To reach Spain next year, we have to keep our nerve. If we do that, we'll make it," says manager England. His skipper Yorath adds emphatically: "It's important for us to gain a good result when we face the Czechs in Prague in September."

That, above all, is now the game that can clinch it for Wales. A point there with the home game the following month against outgunned Iceland would leave the Eastern European opposition struggling frantically. Jones knows that it is going to be the toughest test yet.

Pat Jennings makes a vital save for Northern Ireland in Stockholm.



England and Wales help Irish downfall

NORTHERN Ireland manager Billy Bingham says that the costly 0-1 defeat by Sweden in Stockholm "has rather closed the door on our chance of reaching the World Cup Finals." But was that door given a push by England and Wales in refusing to travel to Belfast to play British Championship matches?

"You should not look around for every excuse possible when you lose a vital match — but it was undoubtedly one of the contributory factors," says Bingham.

"The main reason on the night in Stockholm was that several key players were off form at the same time. But we undoubtedly lacked match fitness.

Critical

"We had played just the one match, against Scotland 15 days earlier, and we badly needed at least one other fixture before facing such a critical match."

Bingham, picking each word with calculated care, adds: "It was a sad moment when both England and Wales refused to come to Windsor Park. You will find people in the province saying some very hard things indeed and, what made everything worse, is that sport remains the one unifying factor in Northern Ireland at this moment."

The prospects of qualifying now look bleak. "There are so many ifs and buts, but Group Six could go to the final match, Portugal v Scotland on November 18 when we also play Israel. Even then it could be goal difference that settles it," says Bingham.

"That defeat in Sweden means that we have to hope for either Scotland or Portugal to slip up — and, of course, take maximum

advantage of our home games against Scotland and Israel."

The Scots, whose manager Jock Stein watched the defeat of dangerous rivals Northern Ireland, have said that they will play at Windsor Park. And Israel is the one nation in the European groups which can stand outside of the religious conflict in Ulster!

The good news for manager Bingham and all of Northern Ireland is that winger Noel Brotherston will be fit for both those matches. It was the brilliant play of the Blackburn Rovers matchwinner which gave Northern Ireland the British Championship crown for the first time in 1980; without him, the gallant Irish lacked flair.

"The knee ligaments injury — the worst of my career — which cost me the final three months of last season will have cleared up in time for me to start pre-season training with Rovers," says Brotherston. "It was a bitter blow not to be there when both Rovers and Northern Ireland needed me."

The common factor was the absence of Brotherston whose national team replacement, Terry Cochrane was sent off in Stockholm.

"Noel can always pull out that something extra special," says Bingham. "I'll be looking forward to seeing him back in action at the start of next season."

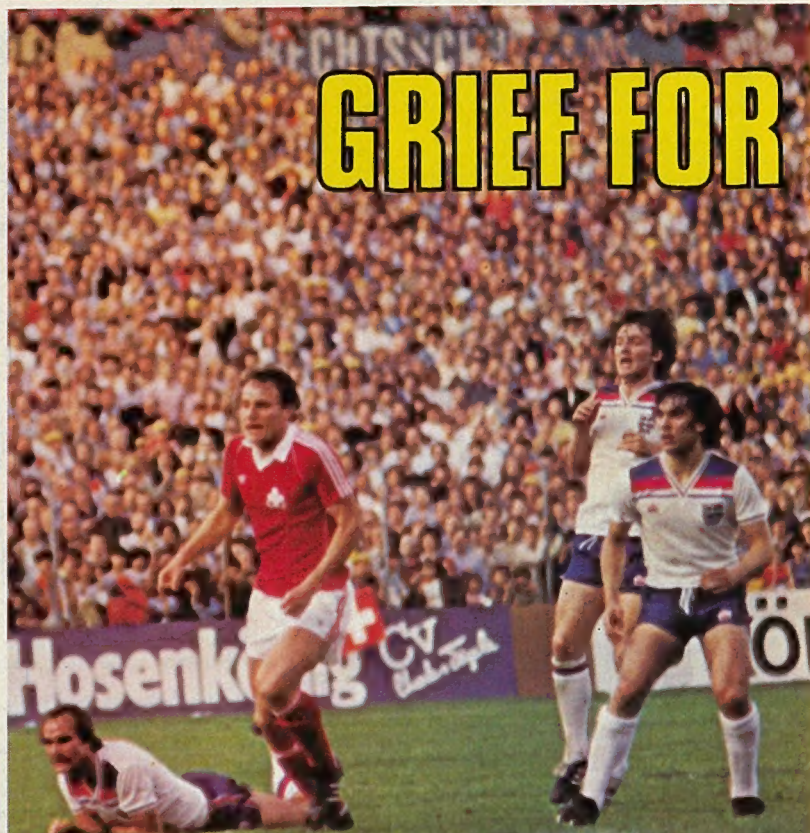
What has heaped on the misery for Bingham, Brotherston, players and supporters alike was that everyone rated this as the finest Irish squad since the 1958 World Cup Finals. "Losing to the Swedes — a mediocre team — was only our fourth set-back in 14 internationals: there is no doubt that we had performed marvels," says Bingham. "It will be a great pity if it goes to waste."



Joey Jones puts pressure on the Russian goal at Wrexham.



England skipper Kevin Keegan tackles Swiss defender Ludi.



Mick Mills is grounded and Russell Osman and Kenny Sansom look on in despair as Claudio Sulser nets the second Swiss goal.

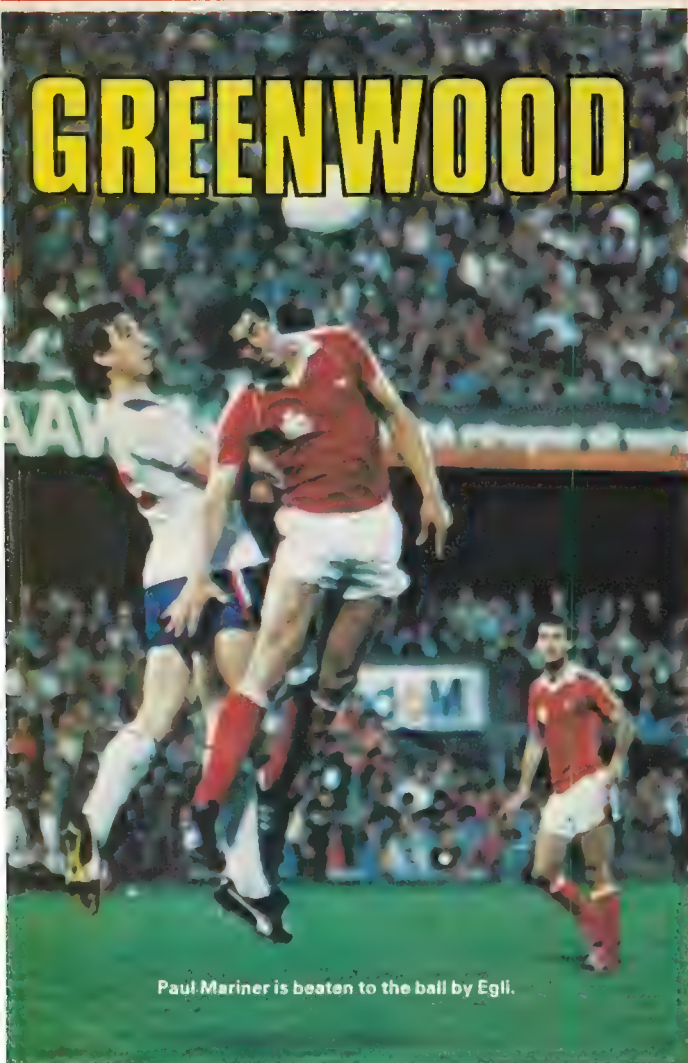
On a shameful night in Basle, England's route to Spain was almost closed by the part-timers of Switzerland, who beat Ron Greenwood's men 2-1. But at Wrexham, Wales strengthened their position at the top of Group Three with a goalless draw against USSR.

STILL HOPE FOR WALES



Chivadze and Bessonov are left for dead by Carl Harris, but unfortunately the Welsh striker couldn't finish off with a goal.

GREENWOOD



Paul Mariner is beaten to the ball by Egli.



Delight for the Swiss, but their celebrations were soured by the disgraceful behaviour of the thugs on the terraces.



Russian dangerman David Kipiani is challenged by the tigerish Peter Nicholas.



Mickey Thomas can't find a way past the imposing Sulakvelioze.

SHOOT!

Dai Davies was 15 when he went to see Jack Kelsey play for Wales in Cardiff. On the night before the match, Dai dreamt that Kelsey had been forced to cry off at the last minute and a message went out over the loudspeakers asking him to take Kelsey's place.

By the book

"That man was the player I admired most in the game," recalls Davies. "I got tremendous satisfaction from equalling his number of matches for Wales — but when I eventually passed his total I felt sad that Jack's name would disappear from the record books as the 'keeper with the most Welsh caps."

"As a teenager I bought Kelsey's book on training methods and studied it thoroughly, though as a professional I developed my own style, without realising I would later be playing so regularly for my country."

WHEN Dai Davies captained Wales against Scotland in the British Championship on May 16th, he became his country's most capped goalkeeper with 42 appearances to his credit — yet the pleasure gained from his feat was tinged with regret.

Because for Davies, it meant beating the record of former Welsh goalkeeper Jack Kelsey, Dai's idol and a man whose career he had avidly followed as a youngster.



Young contenders

Just as Davies took over from Kelsey in the national side, he is acutely aware that there are some up and coming Welsh goalkeepers who will offer him competition for his place.

Dai says: "I know that there are some promising rivals on the scene and I am ready to fight to be the number one choice for Wales. I'm 33 years of age and need to be as fit as possible to stay in front of the others — which is why I'll be doing a certain amount of training during the summer."

"Among the 'keepers who will be out to keep me on my toes are Martin Thomas, Neville Southall, Rhys Wilmot, Tony Norman and a colleague of mine at Wrexham, Eddie Niedzwiecki. So there is no way I intend to sit back and relax, or believe that I'm an automatic selection."

"Throughout my years in the game, I've never adopted the attitude that I would be a certain choice for Wales, and I'm always delighted when I'm informed that I'm being capped again."



Jack Kelsey, the former holder of the Welsh 'keeper's record (above left). Martin Thomas (above) is now challenging Dai for his international place. A nightmare for Dai against the West Germans (right).



Eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth as Davies breaks the Welsh record against Scotland last month.

SHOOT pays tribute

The 44 Club

But while the level-headed Davies refuses to take his next international appearance for granted, his past record is impressive enough. It reads:

1975 — Hungary (Budapest); Luxembourg (Luxembourg); Scotland (Cardiff); England (Wembley); Northern Ireland (Belfast).

1976 — Yugoslavia (Zagreb); England (Cardiff); Northern Ireland (Swansea); Yugoslavia (Cardiff); West Germany (Cardiff); Scotland (Glasgow).

1977 — Czechoslovakia (Wrexham); Scotland (Wrexham);

THE RECORD DAI DAVIES DIDN'T WANT TO BREAK



to Wales' most capped 'keeper



In control for Wales (right, and commanding the defence while on the books of Everton (far right).

England (Wembley); Northern Ireland (Belfast); Kuwait (Wrexham); Scotland (Liverpool); Czechoslovakia (Prague); West Germany (Dortmund).

1978 — Iran (Teheran); England (Cardiff); Scotland (Glasgow); Northern Ireland (Wrexham); Malta (Wrexham); Turkey (Wrexham).

1979 — West Germany (Wrexham); Scotland (Cardiff); England (Wembley); Northern Ireland (Belfast); Eire (Swansea); Malta (Valetta); Turkey (Izmir).

1980 — Iceland (Reykjavik); Turkey (Cardiff); Czechoslovakia (Cardiff); England (Wrexham); Northern Ireland (Cardiff); Scotland (Glasgow); West Germany (Cologne).

1981 — Turkey (Ankara); Eire (Dublin); Scotland (Swansea); England (Wembley); Russia (Wrexham). total: 44.



In his career with Wales, Davies has had his ups and downs in matches which remain engraved in his memory.

"Against Turkey away I remember saving a shot with my knee, and when the ball was instantly hammered back at me I managed to keep it out with my hands — I was particularly pleased with the save because we went on to win the game.

West Germany nightmare

"Other, not so happy occasions were when I was beaten from 35 yards by a swerving shot from Tony Currie, and I crashed against a post in trying to make a save — then a nightmare meeting with West Germany, during which I was beaten five times, with the final score reading 5-0."

Understandably, with the recent publicity surrounding Davies and his international record, it is easy for fans to dwell on his success, but less easy for them to bring to mind those days when he was struggling to carve out a reputation for himself.

At school, Dai loved soccer but was forced to play rugby. He solved his problem by turning out for a rugger match for his school in Ammanford in the morning — then playing in goal for Ammanford Town in the Welsh League in the afternoon.

Later, he trained as a Physical Education teacher at Cardiff, but before he could start teaching he signed as a professional for Swansea Town. There followed a spell at Everton which didn't work out too well for him, and a return to Swansea on loan.

Everton star

But the turning point for Davies came when former goalkeeper Harry Gregg took him under his wing, helping to give Dai a belief in himself — so that when he returned to Everton he became a regular first team player with the Goodison club until transferred to Wrexham in 1977.

And the £8,000 paid out for Davies by Wrexham proved to be a real bargain, with Dai soon establishing himself at the Racecourse Ground.

Says Davies: "I've had some very satisfying years at Wrexham, especially after early disappointments in my career. Now I seem to be reaping the benefit for persevering and learning my trade."

Honoured

It is through his dedication to the game, and his professionalism, that Dai is one of the most popular of the Welsh players.

He is Welsh-speaking, and two years ago was honoured by his countryman by being initiated a bard at the National Eisteddfod of Wales — a great honour for any Welshman.

As an international 'keeper, Davies has decided views about which foreign teams are most likely to supply the type of marksmen who will guarantee him a busy afternoon.

"Holland, West Germany and Italy all include sharpshooters in their line-ups, probably more than other countries. Brazil have players who shoot well enough to give me nightmares just to think about them."

Finally, Dai expresses his attitude concerning the British Championship.

He says: "I worry in case England use Northern Ireland as an excuse to stop our own international competition.

"Matches between Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales provide great training for our goalkeepers and players, so they are better equipped for going abroad.

"With Wales in such a healthy position on the World Cup road to Spain, we need all the international experience we can get.

"I am certain that we can now qualify for next year's Finals, and testing myself against the best strikers in world soccer will be the ultimate test for me, and for the Welsh team which Mike England has built."



ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

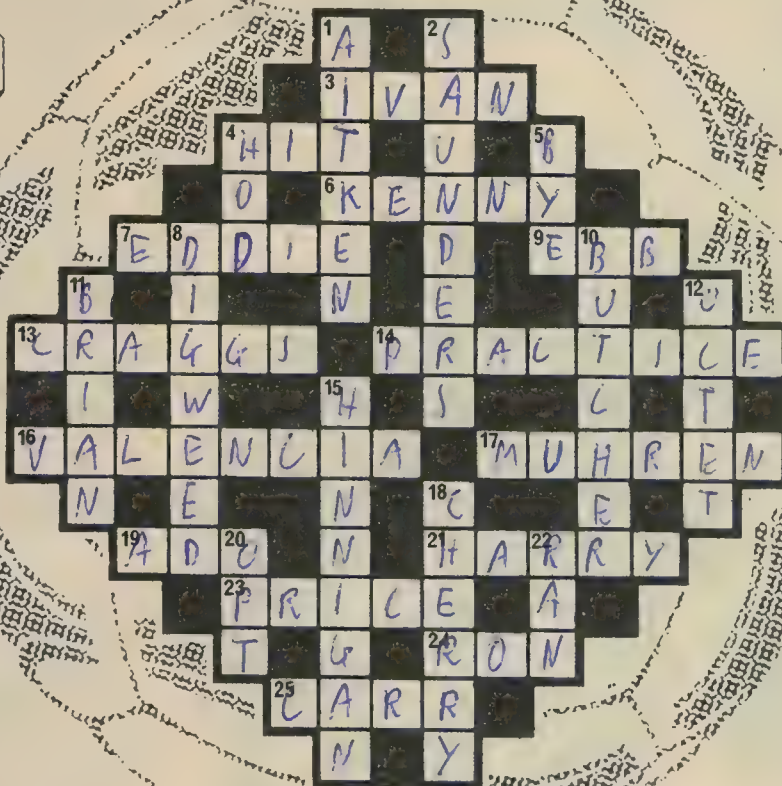
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(7) — Gray, Leeds United
midfield player. (5)
(9) What is required to
complete Trevor H---
erd of Southampton?
(3)
(13) John —, Middles-
brough defender. (6)
(14) To be a really good
player you must do
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ble. (8)
(16) European Cup-
Winners' Cup Winners,
1980. (8)
(17) Arnold —, Ipswich
Town midfielder player.
(6)
(19) Fuss or bother. (3)
(21) — Gregg; famous
Manchester United
and N. Ireland goal-
keeper (a survivor of
the tragic 1958 Munich
Air Disaster). (5)
(23) Cost... or surname of
Crystal Palace and
Luton players. (5)

- (24 & 2 Down) Manager of
English 1980/81 League
Champions. (3)
(25) Willie —, Wolves mid-
field player. (4)

DOWN:

- (1) Surname of Bristol
City striker. (6)
(2) See 24 Across. (8)
(4) Glen ---die, Spurs mid-
field star.
(5) Take three letters from
Derby to make a cric-
ket term. (3)
(8) Surname of Brighton
goalkeeper. (7)
(10) Terry —, Ipswich Town
defender. (7)
(11) — Talbot, Arsenal mid-
field player. (5)
(12) Take five letters from
Craven Cottage to
make a group of eight
players. (5)
(15) Joe —, Sunderland
defender. (8)
(18) Trevor —, Leeds
United defender. (5)
(20) Choose. (3)
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MIDLANDS soccer folk reckon they know a thing or two when it comes to spotting managerial talent for the future.

Brian Clough has been a Midlands boss for most of his managerial career, Ron Saunders was snapped up from Manchester City, to take Aston Villa to the League title.

Ron Atkinson spent some time at Cambridge but only really fulfilled his vast potential with West Brom. And gutsy Jim Smith has just steered Birmingham City to their most successful season in First Division football for 20 years.

Top Manager

Maybe that's enough reason for listening carefully to the growing band of Midland folk who tip West Brom's John Wile to be a top manager of the future.

Wile, the Albion central defender now into the veteran class, is reckoned to have all the right qualifications for the job.

But there's just one thing Wile wishes to announce. "All that is for the future — for the present, John Wile intends to carry on helping Albion fight it out at the top of the First Division."

That's also the view of Ron Atkinson, who's

done so much at The Hawthorns. He says: "John is a great character and still does a marvellous job for Albion. He's courageous, always gives his best and is a battler. He may be 34 but has just completed another very successful season."

"He has one more year on his present contract, but there's no way anyone can say he is preparing for his final season. The way John looks after himself, and the way he has played, Albion might well want to keep him after next May."

Wile, now heading for 450 League appearances in an Albion shirt, is reluctant to lay definite plans.

"I'm not looking too far ahead at this stage, and although I'd like to try management at some stage in the future, I cannot say how I will do in the job until I try it."

So Wile concentrates all his efforts on helping Albion stay close to the top of the English First Division.

Albion managed third place in the First Division in 1979, tenth the following year and

fourth last season. That's steady, impressive form aided considerably by Wile's immense contribution.

England international Bryan Robson, Wile's Albion club-mate, says firmly: "John has had another good season. He sticks to his capabilities, doesn't do anything fancy and always does a super job for the team."

"I think he will keep going until he stops enjoying it. He could go on for at least another couple of years yet."

"In my opinion, he has got to be among the top six central defenders in the country. He is consistent, reliable and steady. A great club man and an invaluable contributor to the side."

With testimonies such as that, it seems as though Wile's managerial career will have to wait. And that will please all Albion fans who appreciate the quiet but immensely effective central defender.

'DON'T LEAVE' West Brom's plea to John Wile

West Brom's Bryan Robson.



RON GREENWOOD won't need reminding that England's chance of reaching next year's World Cup Finals is still very much in the balance.

The fact that it is now 20 years since they last qualified for the Finals on merit is a joke among most Scots. To me it is a tragedy.

It has given me no satisfaction at all to see England struggle in the major competitions as they have done over too many years.

Their victory in Hungary certainly surprised me, but I'm afraid one swallow doesn't make a summer and England still have a long way to go.

Scottish Spur

A strong England team benefits the whole nation, acts as a spur to the others, especially Scotland.

The trouble with England, apart from a dramatic loss of form at the wrong time, is the manager doesn't appear to know what his best formation is.

The side has been chopped and changed so often confidence has suffered. Players coming in have felt unsettled before they kicked a ball because they knew only a world class performance would guarantee

While England's troubles continue, Northern Ireland's recent 1-0 defeat in Sweden has left the way open for Scotland to play in Spain.

We now need three points from our remaining three games against Northern Ireland away, Sweden at home and Portugal away to make absolutely certain of qualifying.

I'm sure Scotland manager Jock Stein has a pretty good idea of the squad he wants to take with him. It will be more or less the one he chose for the British Championship, plus the Liverpool and Ipswich lads who were unavailable because of European Finals.

I'm confident there'll be a place for me in the squad, even though I didn't play in Scotland's last international, the victory against England at Wembley.

I was due to play in the match, though, Jock Stein had previously told the lads they'd all get a game in the Championship and had selected me for Wembley and Alex McLeish for Wales.

But Alex missed his flight from Aberdeen and arrived in Wrexham too late to be included. So I played against Wales instead of England.

Naturally I was disappointed. No disrespect to Wales but England is the one country all Jocks look for-



'The trouble with England'

a place in the next game.

Pressure is on them before they have a chance to settle into the team and get to know the other players. They're afraid of making mistakes, of trying the unexpected.

International football is completely different from club football. Players must be given an extended run so they can establish themselves.

In most other countries players as young as Glenn Hoddle would be regular internationals with 50 caps behind them.

There's plenty of skill in the squad with the likes of Glenn, Kenny Sansom, Ray Wilkins, Graham Rix, Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock, but it seems to lack strength in certain positions.

In my opinion England desperately need a ball-winner in midfield. There are too many players of the same type in the side.

No one, apart from Steve Coppell, is really prepared to run at defenders. They want to play too many crossfield balls.

England have little penetration in midfield and lack punch up front, despite the presence of Paul Mariner and Peter Withe, who I thought had a brilliant game in his first international against Brazil.

What a travesty great stars such as Ray Clemence, Dave Watson and Kevin Keegan may never appear in a World Cup Finals.

MY SOCCER
WORLD
**Gordon
McQueen**



Peter Withe in action for England against Brazil (above). Glenn Hoddle (left) has been unable to claim a regular place at international level.

ward to.

Before I close, a mention of United's prospective new boss Ron Atkinson.

I don't know him, and it's no secret he wasn't the club's first, second or third choice.

But that might be to Ron's advantage. If Bobby Robson, Lawrie McMenemy or Ron Saunders had taken over the ians might have expected miracles right away because of their reputations and achievements.

Although Ron's done a terrific job on limited cash resources at West Brom I'm sure he'll agree he can't match up to the Big Three at the moment.

Therefore the pressure on him won't be so great.

From what I know, Ron Atkinson is ambitious, believes in attacking football and has the charisma to

match John Bond from over the road at Manchester City.

Ron certainly comes over well on TV, which is half the battle as far as United are concerned.

Obviously he'll make changes, buy and sell players. There are bound to be players in the squad he doesn't fancy and will want to bring in his own men.

It's certainly going to be an interesting pre-season at Old Trafford.

More about Ron Atkinson next time, when I'll tell you why I dropped myself from the team that toured the Far East and how I'm spending the summer.

Cheerio for now...

MALCOLM Macdonald has made his own chairman eat his words after the early stages of his managerial career.

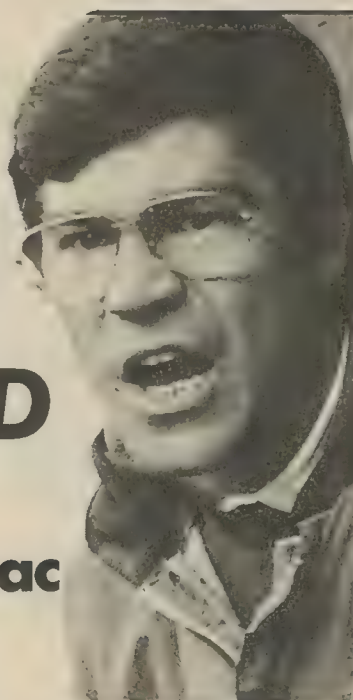
Macdonald took over as manager at struggling Fulham, with chairman Ernie Clay saying: "He must be mad to want the job. He's got a good position as Marketing Executive and he ought to stay with it. It's much safer than the world of management."

But Supermac assesses the first few months of life as a manager by

mer and next season. There is a tremendous amount of hard work to do. But if we do that work, I believe we can build something successful at Craven Cottage.

"It's a very demanding job, League management. But last season was also very enjoyable, and that's the big thing. You've got to like what you're doing to have any hope of making a success of it.

"It is a rosy picture at Craven Cottage these days. The financial situation looks better than it has done for years, and if we can make the football side as successful as



'STRIKERS AFRAID TO SHOOT'

says Supermac

saying: "I don't regret the decision in any way.

"I don't fear the sack and I know all about the pitfalls of the job. If I am not good enough, that's it. At least I shall know I tried to do the job."

"I have confidence in myself. Whether or not I am capable remains to be seen. But I think I have a chance of making a success of it."

Macdonald took over from sacked Bobby Campbell in November, 1980. Fulham didn't set the world alight for the rest of the season, but Macdonald believes they made steady progress.

"I know one thing — it's been very hectic for me," he says. "And it's going to be the same all sum-

mer the Rugby League, we'll really have something to encourage us."

One factor will determine Fulham's — and probably Macdonald's — immediate future. Just how often Fulham can find the back of the net in the new season will be a crucial factor.

But as a goalscorer of high repute, Fulham's manager is worried at the increasing trend in the modern game.

"Strikers seem frightened to shoot these days," says Supermac, goalscoring legend for Luton, Newcastle and Arsenal.

"Goalscoring ability in young-

sters is being knocked out of them very early by coaches and their methods and patterns of play.

"It's worrying, because football stands or falls on goals. If you don't score goals, you get nowhere.

"People have forgotten that's what the game is all about. They defend, keep it tight and coach players on the destructive side of the game. Then they wonder why they don't attract people to watch

them.

"I've heard coaches say you mustn't lose the ball. So youngsters and even older players have stopped shooting for goal. If you shoot, you're going to lose the ball. But that's part of the game. If you don't shoot, how can you score goals?

"I've told a couple of my younger players I don't care if they lose the ball all afternoon, as long as they're trying to score.

"I've given the lads full authority to go out and try and do something positive. He told me no one had ever told him to do that before — what a frightful indictment of our game.

Accent

"It is a worrying trend for football and we have to try and make coaches alter the accent on keeping it tight. I tell all the kids at Fulham to keep shooting for goal, and there is a very good reason for that.

"If you have a player who keeps shooting but missing, you have only got to improve his accuracy. You have double the amount of work if a kid never has a go in the first place."

Macdonald will concentrate on that message as his players turn their attention towards next season.

Fulham's salvation, believes Macdonald, lies in the ability to score goals and entertain. And with a manager who has such a firm belief in attacking football, the game might be worth seeing at Craven Cottage next season.

SHOOT/BURTON COMPETITION RESULT



IN OUR Burton competition in April 25th issue, readers were invited to identify three pictured players and name their clubs. The correct answers were: 1 — Ray Kennedy, Liverpool; 2 — Tony Currie, Q.P.R.; 3 — Mickey Thomas, Manchester United.

Having considered all entries, the judges decided that the senders of the five nearest correct entries, with age taken into account, came from: Jamie Bell, Drumnadrochit; Iain Davies, Lincoln; Glenn Lilley, Selby; Mark Robinson, Rochdale; Colin Young, York.

Each receives a five day course at Bobby Charlton's Residential Soccer School plus £50 worth of Burton 1st Base gear.

There were also 50 runners-up, who each win a 1st Base tee shirt, they are:

Patrick Allison, Sheerness; Gary Antill, Cowes; Steven Attridge, Dagenham; Philip Ball, Woodley; Lee Barber, Lincoln; Jeffrey Bardin, Wigan; Andrew Baxter, Newtownabbey; Simon Bidulph, Telford; Fraser Brumwell, Southwell; Lee Channon, Gravesend; Jonathan Charles, Sevenoaks; Rohit Chugh, Sheffield; Nigel Cockburn, Ilfracombe; David Curley, Middleton; Jason Cutts, Barry; Ian Davies, Wanrwst, Paul Dooling, London, S.E. 15; Gary Evans, Clwyd; James Entwistle, Cheshire; Dominic Feltham, Esher; Michael Flanagan, Omagh; Iain Halewood, Liverpool; David Hollett, Liverpool; David Holmes, Halstead; Dean Howe, Barwell; John Heal, Bath; Simon Holmes, Plymouth; Glen Holt, Rochdale; Karl Holt, Rochdale; David Lambert, Cambridge; Andrew Lilley, Seabrook; Steven Lloyd, Wadebridge; Mark Long, Felixstowe; David McCartney, Maybole; Robert McDougall, Coventry; Kevin McGuinness, Hadfield; Colin Patterson, Ballynahinch; Jason Rix, Ivycroft, Norwich; Stuart Rust, Colchester; Mark Saxby, Edingley; Paul Schofield, Barnsley; Barrie Steel, Bedford; Ian Street, Hook Norton; John Sutherland, Paignton; Ian Walley, Crewe; Paul Ward, Lowestoft; Adrian Webb, Staines; Ian Williams, Wrexham; Kevin Worgan, Swindon; Robert Daynes, Norwich.

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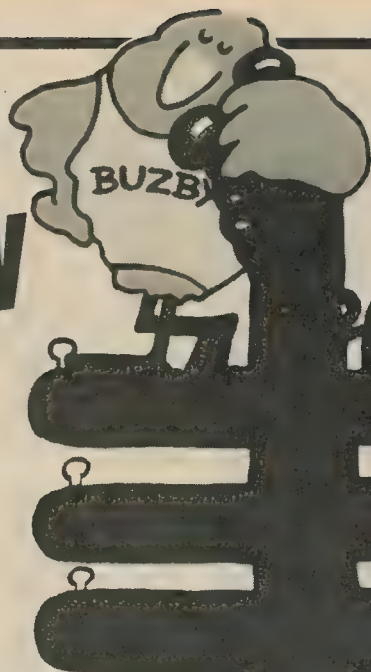
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How



BUZBY helped Bailey become a better 'keeper

GARY Bailey's telephone bill bears out the close relationship he has with his father Roy, the former Ipswich goalkeeper.

Bailey junior, who keeps goal for Manchester United and England Under 21's, says: "My phone bills are high because I spend so much time talking to my father in South Africa."

"It's worth every penny in advice, though. He's been a tremendous help to me. As a father and an ex-goalkeeper, he understands my problems."

"When we played at Brighton in an F.A. Cup replay this year, it was a very important match for us. So I phoned my father just before the game and we spent ten minutes chatting."

"You could say Buzby has helped me become a better 'keeper," he joked.

Gary has also had a surrogate father at Old Trafford in Harry Gregg.

'Difficult'

"Harry has taught me a lot about goalkeeping. And I've learned that the easiest part of it is the actual making of saves. What's more difficult is learning about co-ordinating defence and attack, about working as a unit with the four men in front of you."

University-educated Bailey is obviously a quick learner because he's made fantastic progress.

At 21, he already has caps at England B and Under-21 level, as well as being called in as cover for the British Championship.

"It was great to be part of the squad and savour the atmosphere. And it's nice to know that I'm in Ron Greenwood's thoughts because England are going to need a young goalkeeper in the near future."

"Ray Clemence, Peter Shilton and Joe Corrigan are all in their 30's, so I would like to establish myself as the young 'keeper coming through."

"I'd like to think that on ability, I'm not far behind the others. I had the best goals against record in the First Division last season and the second best the previous

campaign. You can't do that without showing consistency."

"I've noticed in my games for England that goalkeepers can have more influence than at club level. For instance, the Continentals aren't used to long balls being kicked through to a big centre-forward, so if you're quick to knock the ball through, you can catch them out."

It may seem as though

everything has been rosy for Bailey since he replaced Paddy Roche in United's team in November, 1978.

But he's had his bad times — including the mistake that allowed Alan Sunderland to score Arsenal's winner in the Cup Final two years ago.

"I got a lot of stick over that but afterwards, Harry Gregg and my dad both said it was the best thing that could have happened to me."

"You need to make your mistakes and to go through your



Roy Bailey in his Ipswich days.

bad spells in order to become a better goalkeeper. And I think I have improved through my mistakes."

"I went through a shaky spell around last Christmas. I had a couple of bad games that were both highlighted on television and I had some problems with near post corners."

Bailey likes to call himself a student of goalkeeping. He says: "I think about the game a lot and I have video-recordings of all the games we've played that have been on T.V. Even the bad ones."

Like all the other United players, he was shocked by the dismissal of Dave Sexton at the end of the season.

"Until I moved up to the England B team, Dave Sexton was the only manager I'd ever had — at club and England Under-21 level."

"He took care not to get me too exposed to the Press in my early days. He was conscious of my different background, coming from University, and my newness to professional life. It may have been a bit restricting but he did that with my best interests at heart. He is a very nice man."



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Our fascinating month-by-month review of the past season in England and Scotland

TRANSFER CRAZY

AUGUST 9

It's the Big Kick-Off — and League Champions Liverpool celebrate by beating F.A. Cup-winners West Ham 1-0 in the annual Charity Shield game at Wembley.

AUGUST 11

It's All-Go on the transfer front, too — with first, in a week of big deals, Q.P.R.'s Paul Goddard (right) being snapped up for £800,000 by West Ham.



AUGUST 12

And now soccer goes really crazy in a £4-million mad merry-go-round. After leaving Q.P.R. for Arsenal just two months ago, 19-year-old Clive Allen now stars — without playing a competitive game — in a second seven-figure deal which moves him on again to Crystal Palace. Kenny Sansom moves in the other direction to Highbury, who also pick up Everton 'keeper George Wood, while their Paul Barron goes over to Selhurst.

AUGUST 14

Forest have problems — with key-man John Robertson threatening to quit because of a cash-row, Garry Birtles transfer-listed, and Trevor Francis still facing a long injury lay-off.

AUGUST 16

The League season starts in

August/September

England — and Kevin Keegan makes his much-heralded return. But he's a bit up-staged at Southampton, where his old pal Mike Channon scores both goals in the 2-0 win over Manchester City. And the exciting, and much-wanted, Justin Fashanu hits three goals in Norwich's 5-1 hammering of Stoke.

AUGUST 19

Tottenham's new striking double-act of Crooks and Archibald (below) claim three of



the goals in the 4-3 win at Palace. But trouble of another sort for Palace's Vince Hilaire — sensationally sent-off after a skirmish with referee Alf Grey.

AUGUST 20

It's not Allison Wonderland at Maine Road as "Big Mal's" multi-million pound Manchester City crash to a 4-0 home defeat by newly-promoted Sunderland.

AUGUST 23

Million-pound lad — twice over — Clive Allen hits back at the knockers in the best possible way when he scores three glorious goals in Palace's 5-2 thrashing of Middlesbrough.

AUGUST 26

Holders Wolves crash 3-1 in the League Cup Second Round first-leg at Cambridge, and Arsenal are a wee bit fortunate to hold out to 1-1 at Swansea.

AUGUST 27

More League Cup shocks — when a goal from Bobby Campbell embarrasses mighty Liverpool to a 0-1 first-leg deficit at Fourth Division Bradford City (below). And Manchester United aren't too happy at being beaten 1-0 at Old Trafford by Coventry.



AUGUST 30

Keegan scores his first League goal for Southampton as Birmingham are beaten 3-1. Ipswich go top of the First Division after crushing Everton 4-0, and begin to look as if they might be the team of the season. But Villa, like the other two still unbeaten, also press on with their own successful run when a Gary Shaw goal sinks Coventry.

AUGUST TABLE-TOPPERS

Div 1:

Ipswich (7 pts)
Southampton (7)
Aston Villa (7)

Div 2:

Blackburn (7)
Derby (6)
Sheffield Wednesday (5)

Div 3:

Portsmouth (8)
Exeter (7)
Charlton (7)

Div 4:

Lincoln (7)
Southend (6)
York (6)

AUGUST TABLE-PROPPERS

Div 1:

Leeds (2)
Manchester City (2)
Stoke (2)

Div 2:

Bristol Rovers (3)
Newcastle (3)
Shrewsbury (2)

Div 3:

Colchester (2)
Carlisle (1)
Swindon (0)

Div 4:

Crewe (2)
Doncaster (2)
Northampton (1)

DONS BOSS BANNED

AUGUST 2

The chill wind which is to sweep across Scottish attendance figures gives its first warning when just 7,000 fans are scattered around Hampden for the Drybrough Cup Final. They see Aberdeen beat St Mirren 2-1.

AUGUST 4

Still, the Old Firm prove they can still pull in the fans for the proper attractions... more than 40,000 people are at Danny McGrain's Testimonial Match when Celtic and Manchester United draw 0-0 and United win a penalty shoot out... Rangers, meanwhile, open the second of their three new stands at Ibrox. Spurs are the visitors and Rangers win 2-1 in front of a sell-out 35,000 gate.



AUGUST 6

Controversial wing star Willie Johnston re-signs for his first senior club, Rangers, from Vancouver Whitecaps for a £40,000 fee.

AUGUST 13

Former Aberdeen assistant manager Pat Stanton, who quit the Pittodrie club

Aberdeen win the Drybrough Cup (above). Willie Johnston (right) returns to Rangers.



to move back to the Edinburgh area after their title win, is appointed manager of Cowdenbeath.

AUGUST 14

Stanton's former boss at Aberdeen, manager Alex Ferguson, is banned from the touchline by the Scottish Football Association.

AUGUST 21

Celtic open their European Cup-Winners' Cup campaign, playing in a preliminary round match against Diosgyoeri Miskolc from Hungary. They win 6-0 with goals from Frank McGarvey (3), George McCluskey (2) and Dom Sullivan.

AUGUST 24

Celtic's European joy is dampened when Rangers win the first Old Firm clash of the season. It's Rangers first victory at Parkhead since the Premier Division began six years earlier.

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SANSOM'S SHOCK SWOP

Crystal Palace left-back Kenny Sansom (left) landed at Arsenal in a shock exchange transfer deal with Clive Allen. Allen, still to make his League debut for The Gunners after his £1m transfer from Q.P.R. only a few weeks earlier, found himself heading for Selhurst Park as Sansom went to Highbury.

ENGLAND FAIL

The Scots (right) whoop it up at Wembley, beating Ron Greenwood's men 1-0 to add to England's misery.



THE H

All players start the season on level terms. But from the moment the season kicks-off they suffer the agonies of failure or the champagne of success. We celebrate their joy and misery by capturing the elation and despair of the 1980-81 season.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Frans Thijssen (left) lifted the coveted Football Writers' award and the U.E.F.A. Cup for Ipswich after a memorable season. His wife, Henriette, seems just as pleased.

OFFSIDE OR NOT?

Sammy Lee flat-out as Alan Kennedy puts Liverpool 1-0 ahead (right) in the dying minutes of extra-time against West Ham in the League Cup Final. Was Lee offside? Referee Clive Thomas said "no". The game finished 1-1, Liverpool winning the replay 2-1.





BUBBLES FOREVER

Billy Bonds and Frank Lampard (left) hoist the Second Division trophy after their post-War record breaking 66 point total to beat Middlesbrough's tally of 65 set in 1973-74.

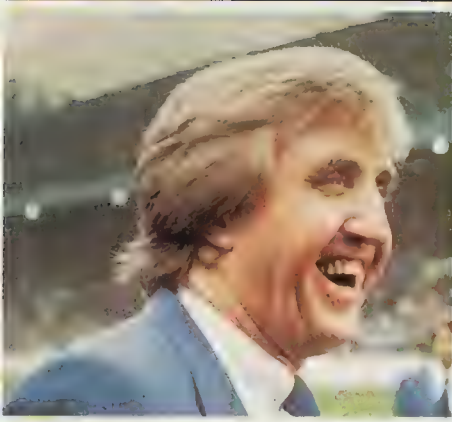
NEWPORT EURO GLORY

European Cup-Winners' Cup first-leg hero Tommy Tynan narrowly misses for Newport against Carl Zeiss Jena in the return game. The Welsh club (above, orange shirts) battled mightily before losing 3-2 on aggregate to the powerful East Germans.

FOURTH-TO-FIRST

Swansea climb into the big-time. John Toshack masterminded The Swans promotion to the First Division. Leighton James (right) made an outstanding contribution.

HEADLINERS



CITY SAVIOUR

Dipping towards the Second Division, John Bond (above) lifted Manchester City to safety and an appearance in the F.A. Cup Final, which they lost in a replay against Spurs.

GIANT-KILLERS EXETER

The Third Division club (right) beat Newcastle 4-0 to win a place in the F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals, where they lost 2-0 to Spurs.



BIRTLES BLUES

Garry Birtles scored only one goal for Manchester United in 1980-81 after his £1.4 million transfer from Forest.

SHOOT!

Campaign Cavalcade 1980-81

CONTINUED

'SNIFFER' RETURNS TO LEEDS

SEPTEMBER 2

There's one of the biggest League Cup shocks for years when Watford — 4-0 down from the first-leg, and seemingly down-and-out — slam back 7-1 against fancied Southampton to go through 7-5 on aggregate. Cambridge complete their demolition job on holders Wolves, but both Liverpool and Arsenal overcome first-leg embarrassment to progress safely.

SEPTEMBER 3

Ron Greenwood introduces newcomers Terry Butcher, Graham Rix and Eric Gates to his squad for the forthcoming Wembley World Cup-tie against Norway. Villa continue their good run with a 3-1 League Cup win at Leeds to move on 4-1 on aggregate. But Sunderland, beaten at home, are edged-out 3-2 by Fourth Division Stockport.

SEPTEMBER 6

Jackie Charlton (below) is



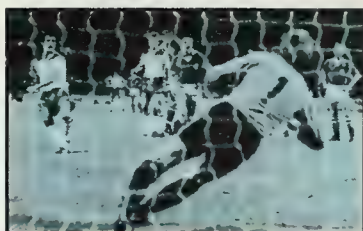
unashamedly reduced to tears when his Sheffield Wednesday side's match at Oldham is held up for half an hour after a riotous pitch invasion. When a lump of concrete has just missed his head, Charlton says sadly: "Is this the great game I used to know?" Leeds go bottom of the First Division — five games; two points — after a 3-0 defeat by Stoke, and manager Jimmy Adamson's job looks on the line.

SEPTEMBER 8

Adamson resigns, and Maurice Lindley — 22 years with the club — becomes caretaker manager... for the fifth time. Alan Dicks, the League's longest-serving one-club manager, is axed by Bristol City.

SEPTEMBER 9

Mixed British fortunes in Under-21 internationals — England beating Norway 3-0, Wales winning 2-0 in Holland, but Scotland going down 2-0 in Sweden.



SEPTEMBER 10

World Cup action hits the trail again — with satisfactory results all round. England have little trouble in disposing of Norway 4-0 (above), while the Scots snatch a 1-0 win in Sweden. But honours of the night go to Eire with an historic 2-1 home win over Holland.

SEPTEMBER 13

Ipswich stay top of the First Division with a 2-1 win at Palace — who go bottom. Down there with them are 'big-boys' Manchester City and Leeds. And it looks as if their old favourite Allan Clarke may be enticed from Barnsley to take over as Elland Road boss.

SEPTEMBER 14

Shades of the future for under-used soccer grounds? Fulham's new Rugby League side make their bow at Craven Cottage — and get off to a flying 24-5 start against Wigan in front of a 9,554 crowd.

SEPTEMBER 16

"Sniffer" Clarke returns to Leeds — as, at 34, the First Division's youngest manager. And his old team-mate Norman Hunter is set to replace him as Barnsley boss.

SEPTEMBER 17

John Wark hits four as Ipswich wallop Aris Salonika 5-1 in their UEFA Cup first-leg (below, right) — but Manchester United are held 1-1 at home by the strong Widzew Lodz, while Wolves go down 3-1 in Eindhoven. In the Champions Cup, Forest hold CSKA Sofia to 1-0 away, but Liverpool can only manage a 1-1 draw against part-timers Palloseura in Finland. In the Cup-Winners' Cup, West Ham are hammered 3-1 in Madrid by Castilla, and some of their so-called supporters — described by skipper Billy Bonds as "scum" — go on the rampage to further damage Britain's soccer reputation abroad.

SEPTEMBER 20

Kevin Keegan tackles his old

Liverpool pals again — but has to be content with Southampton sharing the spoils in a lively 2-2 draw. It's another two goals for Wark as table-topping Ipswich sink Coventry, while Everton's Bob Latchford hits a hat-trick in the 5-0 demolition of rocky Palace. Almost as rocky are Malcolm Allison's Manchester City, still without a League win, as they crash 2-1 at home to Stoke.

SEPTEMBER 23

High-flying Villa play their 100th League Cup-tie — but there are no celebrations as they're ousted 2-1 by giantkillers Cambridge.

SEPTEMBER 26

West Ham have to pay the penalty for their unruly fans — being ordered by UEFA to play next week's Cup-Winners' Cup second-leg against Castilla behind closed doors at Upton Park.

SEPTEMBER 27

A 5-0 Everton win at Coventry highlights the First Division programme — while the Manchester derby ends all-square at 2-2, and crisis-club Leeds slump again to a 4-1 defeat at Sunderland. But Ipswich and Villa carry on the good work with away wins at Wolves and Palace.



SEPTEMBER TABLE-TOPPERS

Div 1
Ipswich (15 pts)
Liverpool (11)
Everton (11)

Div 2
Blackburn (14)
West Ham (12)
Notts County (12)

Div 3
Plymouth (13)
Chesterfield (12)
Exeter (12)

Div 4
Aldershot (15)
Southend (13)
Lincoln (13)

SEPTEMBER TABLE-PROPPERS

Div 1
Manchester City (4 pts)
Leeds (4)
Crystal Palace (2)

Div 2
Cambridge (5)
Bristol Rovers (5)
Bristol City (3)

Div 3
Swindon (6)
Carlisle (6)
Newport (5)

Div 4
Bury (6)
Halifax (6)
Port Vale (5)

LEAGUE CUP SHOCK FOR RANGERS

SEPTEMBER 1

Scotland manager Jock Stein names his first World Cup squad — one without a shock — for the opening qualifying match against Sweden in Stockholm.

SEPTEMBER 3

Rangers beat Aberdeen at Ibrox in the League Cup first leg game — but Willie Johnston is sent off for the 13th time in his career. The same night in Hungary Celtic lose 2-1 but with a six goal lead from the first match are safely through. Their goal is scored by a youngster called Charlie Nicholas.

SEPTEMBER 6

Nicholas scores twice for Celtic against Partick Thistle in a League game and people are taking notice of the youngster.



Charlie Nicholas (above), on target for Celtic. Gordon Strachan secures victory for Scotland in Stockholm (right).

SEPTEMBER 9

The Scotland Under-21 side loses its

European Championship tie 2-0 in Sweden on the eve of the World Cup match...

SEPTEMBER 10

Gordon Strachan scores the only goal of the game in the Solna Stadium in Stockholm after 72 minutes. It is enough to beat the Swedes and give Scotland a winning start.



SEPTEMBER 12

Hearts sell midfielder man Cammy Fraser to First Division Dundee for £60,000.

SEPTEMBER 14

European football begins in earnest... Celtic beat Politechnica Timisoara 2-1 in Glasgow; Aberdeen draw 0-0 with Memphis Vienna; St Mirren, in Europe for the first time, beat Elfsborg Boras 2-1 in Sweden and Dundee United draw 0-0 with Slask Wroclaw in Poland.

SEPTEMBER 24

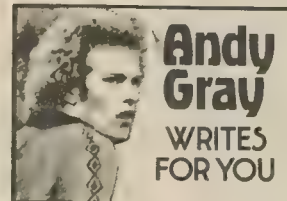
Rangers go out of the League Cup to a controversial penalty goal against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

SEPTEMBER 25

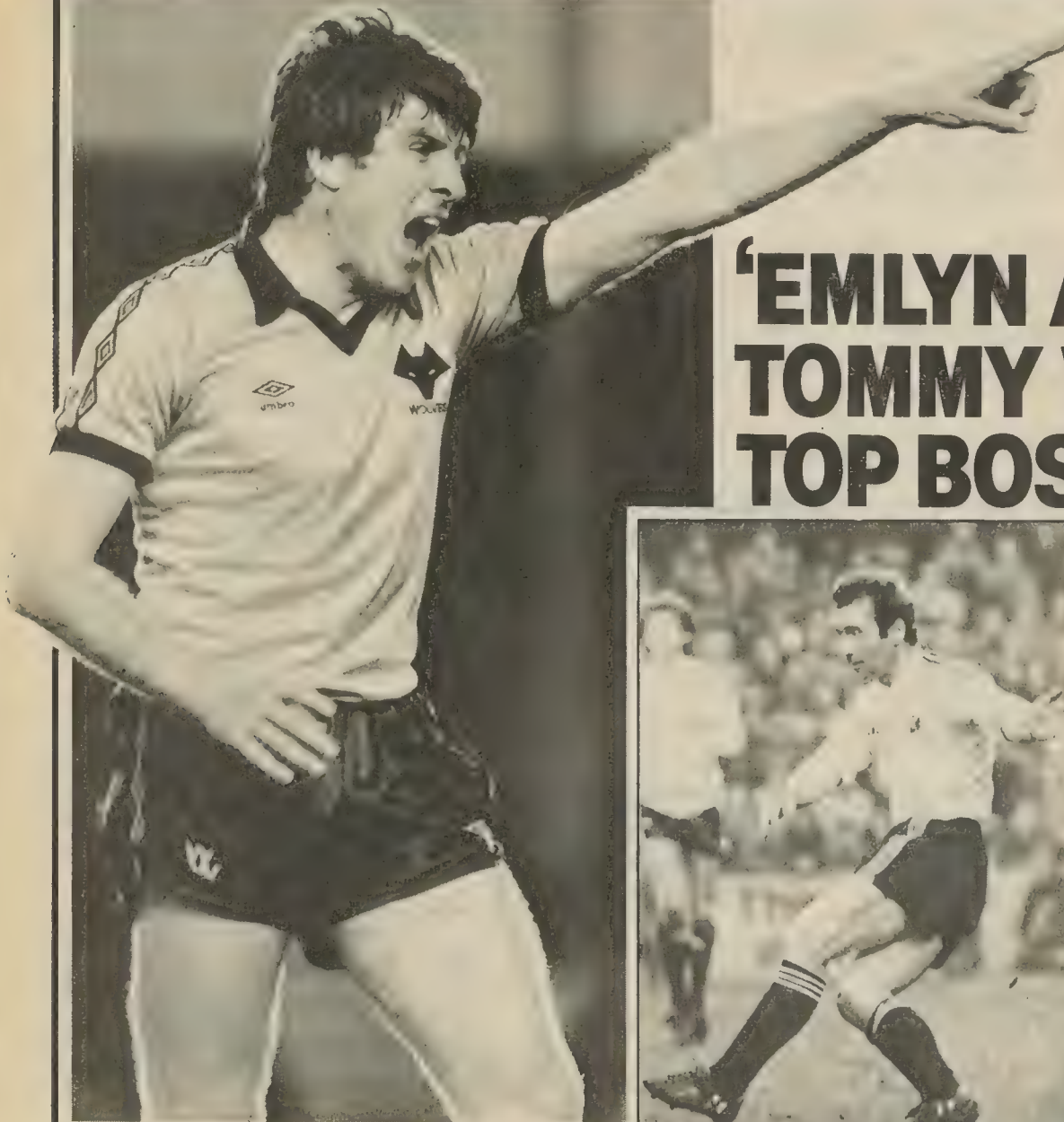
Walker McCall returns from Atlanta Chiefs in the North American League and becomes an Aberdeen striker for just £25,000. Raith Rovers collect £95,000 for their striker Andy Harrow from Luton Town.

SEPTEMBER 29

Another player comes home from the States — veteran midfielder Drew Busby joins Morton from Toronto Blizzard.



'EMLYN AND TOMMY WILL BE TOP BOSSES'



THEY say soccer is a young man's game and it's becoming even more so amongst managers. There's a bunch of very good young bosses around right now, men who quit playing a few years ago, started in a hot seat in the lower Divisions... and are now enjoying life higher up.

Howard Kendall, Allan Clarke, John Toshack to name just three. And two more I expect to make the grade during the 80's are Emlyn Hughes and Tommy Craig, both former team-mates of mine.

Having worked with Emlyn over the past couple of seasons, I've got to know him very well. He's impressed me with his knowledge and enthusiasm for the game; he loves football and I just can't see him being a failure.

At Swansea, Tommy Craig is looking forward to playing in the First Division again, as we did with Villa in the 70's. Tommy's different from Emlyn, more of a thinking-man's footballer. Perhaps he'll need someone like Emlyn to work with

him. Tommy's a quiet sort of chap, but very knowledgeable and I think he'll go on to be a good manager, too.

I believe it's best to start with a smaller club, at grass roots level, and progress from there. This is the best way of gaining experience, and many of our top managers began in this way.

Secure

I doubt if I'll be a manager. At the moment I don't have any idea what I'll do when I retire. My main concern is to ensure I retire financially secure.

All players should do this. Too many let retirement creep up on them, probably thinking they can go on playing forever. It's now possible for players to have a pension at 35, and my aim is to put as much as I can into the scheme so, whatever I do in ten years or so, I won't necessarily have to depend on soccer for a living.

Clubs take a lot of care to advise young players how to handle their financial affairs. Some have men specifically for this purpose.

I have a share in a Birmingham night club, so perhaps I'll expand this. While I'm very much a today person, I naturally wonder what I'll be doing when I'm 40, but it doesn't worry me.

My attitude to money is rather un-Scottish! If I have it, I spend it... putting just enough away for a rainy day. While it's nice to be able to buy a new shirt whenever I like, nothing gives me greater pleasure than to go back to Glasgow and be with my mates and brothers in the local pub.

I've been able to do this recently and it's marvellous to be brought down to earth in this way. All the material things in the world can't match simply being with close friends or relatives.

The public has a rather false idea about players' earnings. I can't believe any player earns a basic salary of £1,000 a week, a popular figure banded about in the Press. If

he makes £50,000 in a year it'll be made up of, say, a basic of £25,000 plus win-bonuses, loyalty payments or a cut of a transfer fee.

I'm not complaining, just pointing out how the money is earned. I don't think you can compare footballers with other sportsmen, either. Okay, tennis stars, golfers and others earn much more than we do, but they're individuals. When we have gates of 40,000, the public see 22 sportsmen, not one or two so there are obviously a lot more people to pay.

Management

I've looked after my money, even if I'm not sure how to use it. There was a 10-week business management course in Wolverhampton not so long ago. After the first afternoon I found I just didn't have the time to go along again! I'd like to do the course, though, some time in the future.

Whatever I do, I'd like to stay in the Midlands. I regard it as my home and I can't ever see myself going back to Scotland to work or live.

Perhaps a year or two in the States when I'm older, but as much as I love the place and I'm as patriotic as the next Scot... my future is in England.

I went to Jacksonville, Florida, with Wolves during May and I'd like to spend longer in the States learning about the commercial side of the game. The Americans can certainly teach us a thing or two in this respect.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer and join me again in two weeks time.



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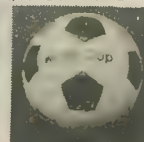
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This week's Star Letter comes from Alex Buchanan of Bathgate, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

POINT TAKEN — so English League football is of a higher standard than that north of the border, but what an exciting and competitive League Scotland would have, had some of our 'exiles' stayed put.

For instance, Willie Young, Martin Buchan, Steve Archibald and Arthur Graham at Aberdeen, Kenny Dalglish and Lou Macari turning out for Celtic, Ray Stewart and Andy Gray in the tangerine of Dundee United, and wouldn't St. Mirren's attendance swell if Gordon McQueen and Archie Gemmill still graced the Paisley turf?

Then there's Joe Jordan and Neil McNab, formerly with Morton, and Jim Melrose and Alan Hansen, who used to be at Partick — to name just a few.

Add to that the current home Scots stars like McGrain, Miller, Rough and Hegarty and many more and you've got a pretty star-studded League.

So, own-up, you English, you have a lot to thank us Scots for — can you imagine Liverpool without Dalglish, a Robertson-less Nottm. Forest or a Manchester Utd., without Joe Jordan — makes you think, doesn't it?



Leads, United's Arthur Graham.

● Scottish players have helped keep English clubs at the top in Europe — and playing in the Football League has made these players better internationally. So both countries benefit.

Buck up, Forest fans!

I AM a Nottingham Forest season ticket holder at the West Bridgford end of the ground.

Over the last few seasons I have enjoyed the success, home and abroad, by the best team Forest have ever had.

That team is now getting old and Forest are going through a transitional period, a time when the team needs greater support from its fans.

But instead of this I am disgusted to see that some supporters have done nothing but criticise the players.

At a recent home match my dad and I decided to go and sit down for a change. As soon as the teams kicked off the so-called supporters around us started shouting at the players and hurling criticism every time they put a foot wrong, and even when they didn't.

John Robertson (a world-class player) came under a lot of attack and even had to suffer personal abuse.

My message to certain parts of the Forest support is: get off the players' backs and give them what they need — SUPPORT!

MICHAEL JACKSON,
ATTENBOROUGH.

● Some fans just don't know when they're well off.

T.V. lessons

WORLD CUP: Spain '82; 24 of the world's top teams playing in the world's premier tournament.

But me, one of the average fans, I can't afford to go to Heathrow, let alone Spain.

So like many others I watch the T.V. Argentina '78 was a disaster, not for the football, but for the coverage of the BBC and ITV.

If you were bored with one match you naturally switched to the other side, but

to my dismay the same match and the same pictures were being shown.

The World Cup isn't until 1982 so surely by that time the BBC and ITV can get together and decide who will televise which match and when.

Let's hope Spain '82 isn't the same as Argentina '78!

DUNCAN LEWIS,
ALCOMBE MINEHEAD.

● My fear is that with 24 Finalists there will be so many mediocre games. BBC 2's ratings could soar!



Jimmy Greaves, who could have been poached by the Irish.

One over the eight?

WHEN Peterborough played Ipswich for Tommy Robson's testimonial, Ipswich made a total of eight substitutions. Is this a record?

K. ROUBINS,
HUNTINGDON.

● Can readers tell of any more than eight?

Pen-Pal

I AM a Greek girl of 16 and I'm a great fan of Juventus. I love Italian football.

I'd like to correspond with girls and boys from all over the world.

Please write in English, Italian or French.

LENA PAPASSOTIROPOULOU,
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ATHENS,
GREECE.

We're not thieves!

AS A compulsive reader of SHOOT, I have read with interest the views expressed in Goal-Lines concerning the Rep. of Ireland "stealing" players from England.

You expressed disapproval at our reaching back into the family back-grounds of English players to "thieve" talent.

Ireland, as well as being a country small in size with few natural resources, has a history of occurrences which are best forgotten.

A combination of these have basically led to the, perhaps, unusual composition of the Irish team. Emigration to all parts of the world, including Britain, has continued for over a century.

Those emigrants cherished a love and pride of their native land, hence this has been passed on and the generations which follow still identify with Ireland.

Perhaps you would find it hard to accept that if tennis star John McEnroe and boxer Sean O'Grady were footballers they could play for Ireland, or that we could also have "stolen" Jimmy Greaves and Kevin Keegan.

We shall always welcome, with open arms, our wandering sons, and are proud that they should return.

PAT DONOHUE,
BALLYMOTE.

● It must make all Irishmen proud to see Liam Brady doing so well in Italy.

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Best away win

As an ardent overseas fan of England, I'd like to know their record away win?

SELVA MURTHY,
WEST MALAYSIA

● It's 13-0 against Ireland, Selva, though that game — in Belfast on 18th February, 1882 — was played when soccer wasn't much like the big time sport it is today.

But in a more modern setting, it's 10-0 against Portugal in Lisbon on 25th May, 1947.

The goals from that very powerful England team of the time came from Tommy Lawton (four), Stan Mortensen (four), Stan Matthews, and Tom Finney.

Some references list a 17-0 win over Australia in Sydney on 30th June, 1951 — but this game wasn't officially recognised as a full international, and the "England" side played under the label of F.A. XI.

Fourth Division international

Who was the first Fourth Division player to win a full cap for any of the British nations?

SEAN BEER,
DEVON

● He was Crystal Palace's Vic Rouse, Sean.

Rouse played in goal — it was his only cap — for Wales v. Northern Ireland on 22nd April, 1959 while Palace were still in the Fourth.

SHORT PASSES

● Garry Birtles joined Forest from non-League Long Eaton in December, 1976, for £2,000 — and was transferred to Manchester United in October, 1980, for £1,250,000.

(KENNEDY MBEKEANI, Malawi)

● George Armstrong made the most League appearances for Arsenal — 500 between 1960 and 1977.

(HUW ANDERSON, New Zealand)

● Johnny Haynes gained 56 full England caps between 1954-55 and 1961-62, scoring 18 goals.

(MARK WALLER, Surbiton)

● West Ham have won the F.A. Cup three times (1964, 1975, 1980) but have never finished above sixth in the First Division.

(KEVIN COLLETT, Kidlington)

● Plymouth's highest finishing-position in the League is fourth in Division Two in both 1931-32 and 1952-53.

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The answer as far as David Webb is concerned is that the ability to switch roles helps. Mick Lyons is against it, and Bryan Robson is near the middle of the road.

David Webb, now manager of Bournemouth, had almost as many clubs — Orient, Southampton, Chelsea, Queens Park Rangers, Leicester and Derby — as he played in different positions.

Secret

He says that his versatility on the field was the secret of his success as a manager. Webb took over at Bournemouth just before Christmas.

"Now I know every player's problems," says Webb. "I've had first hand experience."

In his playing days Webb was a natural centre-half. "But," he says "I started at left-back despite being right-footed, and I was at right-back when I scored the goal that won the F.A. Cup for Chelsea in 1970."

Webb's outstanding feat came

on Boxing Day 1971 when Chelsea played Ipswich. Goalkeeper Peter Bonetti was injured and his understudy, John Phillips, slipped a disc on the morning of the game.

Webb said: "There was nothing else we could do, so I lined up as 'keeper." Chelsea won and Webb kept a clean sheet.

Mick Lyons, Everton's captain, found that being a utility player was a disadvantage. "You don't know what position you're suited to," he says. Fortunately for Lyons, a rival sorted out the problem.

David Johnson, now with Liverpool, and Lyons started together at Everton. Johnson was a winger and Lyons a centre-forward, where he played on his debut against Nottingham Forest in March, 1971, and scored in a 2-1 win.

Harry Catterick, then Everton's manager, decided Johnson was better suited to the centre-forward position. "There was nowhere else for me to go," said Lyons, "so he put me in the centre of defence and, apart from the odd occasion, I've stayed there since."

One jersey in which Lyons will not be found is the goalkeeper's. "Once was enough," he says. "I hated it. It was against West Bromwich about four years ago, and we lost. Mind you, we were already down when I took over."

Bryan Robson, of West Bromwich, plays midfield for his club, and has been central defender or sweeper for England.

Robson said: "I was playing in the back-four for England when I was a youth player, and operating in midfield for Albion. It proves you can play anywhere if you put your mind to it."

He played at left-back during his first full senior season at West Bromwich. "It was the only opening, so I took it," he says. "I don't find changing from the back to midfield all that difficult. In midfield you lose a lot of your heading ability, but you aren't so restricted by your position."

"Varying the role has done me good. I enjoy my football more."



Everton's Mick Lyons in his favourite position in the centre of defence.

ONE of the most encouraging sights for English football last season was Gary Shaw and Gordon Cowans pictured holding the League Championship trophy.

Twelve months ago the Aston Villa pair had comparatively

Naturally I've seen a lot more of Gray than any of the others but to my way of thinking, no newcomer made a bigger impact on English football last season.

Clearly he has ability or he wouldn't have been given a chance in the first place, but the most impressive thing for a player so inexperienced was his attitude and



'YOUNG LIONS DESTINED FOR STARDOM'

little experience of First Division football behind them but now they know what it's like to be acclaimed the best.

Their success is an example to others who are waiting and wondering what the future holds for them. There are other young players in the wings just waiting for an opportunity to show their paces next season.

I'm thinking particularly of players like Tom English (Coventry), Gary Stevens (Brighton), Steve Moran (Southampton) and my City Ground colleague Stuart Gray.

They all showed last season that they have the ability to play in the First Division, but arriving on the scene is often easier than surviving there.

Once the more experienced campaigners get to know about you, life can become much less comfortable and their respective managers will no doubt have made it clear that they still have a long way to go.

consistency.

You normally find that after an initial spurt, youngsters need to go back into the reserves for a spell to come to terms with what has happened to them.

But that wasn't necessary in Stuart's case. He maintained the standards he set at the start and by the end of the season, looked a more confident and accomplished performer with every game.

It will be interesting to see how he develops next season, but at a time when English football seems to be under attack from all sides, the opportunities for every young player are tremendous.

Shaw and Cowans have proved that experience isn't everything, Sammy Lee slotted into the Liverpool side to help win the European Cup and I hope there is a queue of youngsters with the ability and inclination to emulate them at the start of next season.

'Woods for England'

I STILL say Chris Woods was in too much of a hurry to leave Nottingham Forest — but I wouldn't bet against him emerging as England's regular goalkeeper a few years from now.

It strikes me that the best young 'keepers are working in fits and starts at present, which is not altogether surprising because players tend to reach their peak later in that line of business.

But someone eventually has to show the necessary consistency and come through to stake a claim for the England spot and, if ambition has anything to do with it, Woods won't be far away.

That might sound slightly contradictory when you recall that he pressed for a move from Forest and then turned down Ipswich last season.

But I know that Chris felt the best way to improve his game was by playing regular first team football... and that's why he will be turning out for Norwich City in the Second Division next season.

Having proved certain things to himself during



the season when Forest first won the League Cup — I was Cup-tied and he played in every round — he was determined to move on and eventually joined Queens Park Rangers.

When I was his age, I felt the same way. I was with Leicester at the time and with Gordon Banks performing miracles in their goal, what chance had I got of furthering my career?

I was ambitious and although I was learning something every day working with Gordon, it didn't stop me going to see the manager (Matt Gillies) to talk over my future.

He convinced me it was in my best interests to stay at Filbert Street and be patient. And in the end, it was Gordon who moved on and I got the chance to establish myself in the First Division.

Chris didn't see it that way and although I still say he was wrong, judging by the assured display he gave when he returned to the City Ground last season, the move certainly hasn't harmed him.

It stands to reason that he will have to work harder to gain recognition in the Second Division but he could just be the man to maintain England's reputation for world-class goalkeepers.

Stuart Gray

'Chelsea a bigger challenge than Boro'

JOHN NEAL



Empty terraces and poor finishing are two of John Neal's biggest problems at Chelsea.

WHEN John Neal accepted the managerial post at Chelsea this summer he knew he was taking on probably the hardest job in football. His task, quite simply, to make Chelsea great again. Five men have tried in the last seven years and all have failed. But this does not worry the former Middlesbrough boss who left the North-East club by mutual consent in May.

Neal is not a man to mince words when he says: "I had four great years in the First Division with Boro. During that time we

played all the major clubs such as Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal. It's always been my ambition to manage a big club, and you can't get much bigger than Chelsea.

"I was also offered the managerial posts at Wrexham and Gillingham but I had to choose the Blues because the potential here is

enormous. Division One is the best League in the world and I would like to take Chelsea back there."

In May, 1977, he left Wrexham to take over the reins at

MANAGERS FACED WITH TWO OF



Alan Ball/Colin Harvey/Howard Kendall midfield trio. They played football that epitomised Everton's style.

"I always think it's a shame that everyone always talks about Alan, Colin and myself. What we did was only part of a team effort. So often the rest of that side got overlooked, and that is a shame, because there were other very good players in that side," says Kendall.

Colin Harvey now coaches the reserve team at Everton. Alan Ball is with Southampton. But Kendall intends to turn out in his famous number four shirt again at Goodison Park.

The Everton chairman, Phillip Carter, introducing him to the Merseyside Sport's Writers, said Kendall would also have playing responsibilities.

"You've been screaming for us to sign a new midfield player in the last few months," he said. "Now we have one!"

Kendall says: "I intend to be

tough, to make everyone work very hard for their places.

"But the situation isn't as bleak as some people think. I've had good reports on players like Steve McMahon, Paul Lodge and Kevin Ratcliffe, and I hope to see those talented youngsters coming through and making a solid impact on the side next season. We have to look for all-round improvement."

The new Goodison boss played a big part in Blackburn's promotion drive. His former club only missed out on First Division football on goal difference.

"At 34, I still believe I'm good

HOWARD KENDALL, the new Everton manager, knows that simply winning the Championship at Goodison Park will not be good enough.

He has to build a team that will win it in style, playing football in the true traditions of the great club.

"My ambition is to make Everton a successful club again," he says. "That's why I've been brought in. With respect, the record here has not been good recently, particularly last season. You don't expect to see Everton fighting a battle against relegation."

Kendall moved into one of the hottest seats in English football in May, succeeding Gordon Lee, whose four and a half years at Goodison Park promised so much. But that promise never turned into trophies. With Liverpool consistently picking up silverware in the last decade the situation for Everton has become intolerable.

Lee went the same way as his predecessor, Billy Bingham, because he too failed to turn the tide.

"The balance in this city has been tipped in Liverpool's favour for far too long," says Kendall. "We must put that right. There is no place like Goodison Park when Everton are doing well."

Kendall should know. He was part of Everton's last Championship side in 1970. Older readers will remember the famous



Middlesbrough from Jack Charlton. It was a challenge he could not refuse. At that time the team had a reputation for playing boring, defensive football, but that soon changed under Neal.

Last season Middlesbrough were one of the most positive sides in England. Boro might not have won any trophies under Neal but they certainly won the respect of fans up and down the country.

"I want Chelsea to play bright, attractive football just as we did at Ayresome Park. Unemployment is very high in this country and I

believe clubs should really make an effort to entertain the people who come to watch them.

"I want my players to be hard-working. I don't mind having players with flair in the side, so long as they fit into the team's pattern."

Neal, already in his short time at Stamford Bridge, has spotted what he considers is the main reason why Chelsea have been in the football wilderness for so long.

'Standards'

"The club has lacked stability," he says. "I intend to change that by establishing standards that the players must keep. If the footballers have discipline off the park then they'll play with discipline on it."

At the turn of the year Chelsea looked all set for a return to the top flight after a two-year absence, but the goals dried up. They scored in only three of their last 22 games and finished in mid-table.

Cynics within the game say Neal

had to be a tremendous optimist to have accepted the job.

Neal smiles and says: "I look on the bright side of everything. All I want to do is to get out training with the lads. I want them to enjoy their football and realise how lucky they are in getting paid for something they love doing."

"I'm taking them on a pre-season tour of Sweden to put them through their paces. If I think we need a player or two, then I'll approach the chairman to see if the necessary funds are available."

"I realise that Chelsea, for financial reasons, need to get back into the First Division as soon as possible. If I get it right first time then that'll be my target for next season."

When Neal was at Wrexham he took them on many dazzling Cup runs, and for the past two years

Middlesbrough have been the top team in the North-East. But things will be different for him in London.

Chelsea's arch rivals Spurs have just won the F.A. Cup. West Ham were runners-up to Liverpool in the League Cup and won promotion back to Division One with a record number of points. And Arsenal are again in Europe.

Neal reacts to the success of these clubs with characteristic frankness: "If you can't beat them, join them!"

Brian Mears' last major act as chairman was to appoint Neal as manager. It could prove to be a very wise move.

THE HARDEST JOBS IN FOOTBALL

Howard Kendall (extreme left) celebrates Everton's last Championship triumph in 1970.

enough to play in the top flight," he says.

One of Kendall's first decisions at Everton was to sack Geoff Nulty, Gordon Lee's assistant, and the first-team coach Eric Harrison.

"I did my homework very well

and didn't take those decisions lightly," he says.

The new number two at Everton is Mick Heaton, who worked with Kendall at Blackburn. Heaton had spells with Sheffield United and Blackburn, playing under Gordon Lee, before an injury cut his career short.

Heaton was delighted to follow Kendall to Everton. "Howard is a first class manager," he says. "Although, that still has to be

proved at this level.

"He is fair, but doesn't like being crossed. Not many players step out of line because they know he'll be down on them."

Kendall has a lot of work to do at Everton. The job is made all the more difficult by Liverpool, who just go on winning. The pressure is enormous.

"I don't believe there is any pressure," says Kendall. "I'll enjoy getting Everton back on the right lines. If that's pressure, fine."

Paul Lodge, one of the younger Everton stars



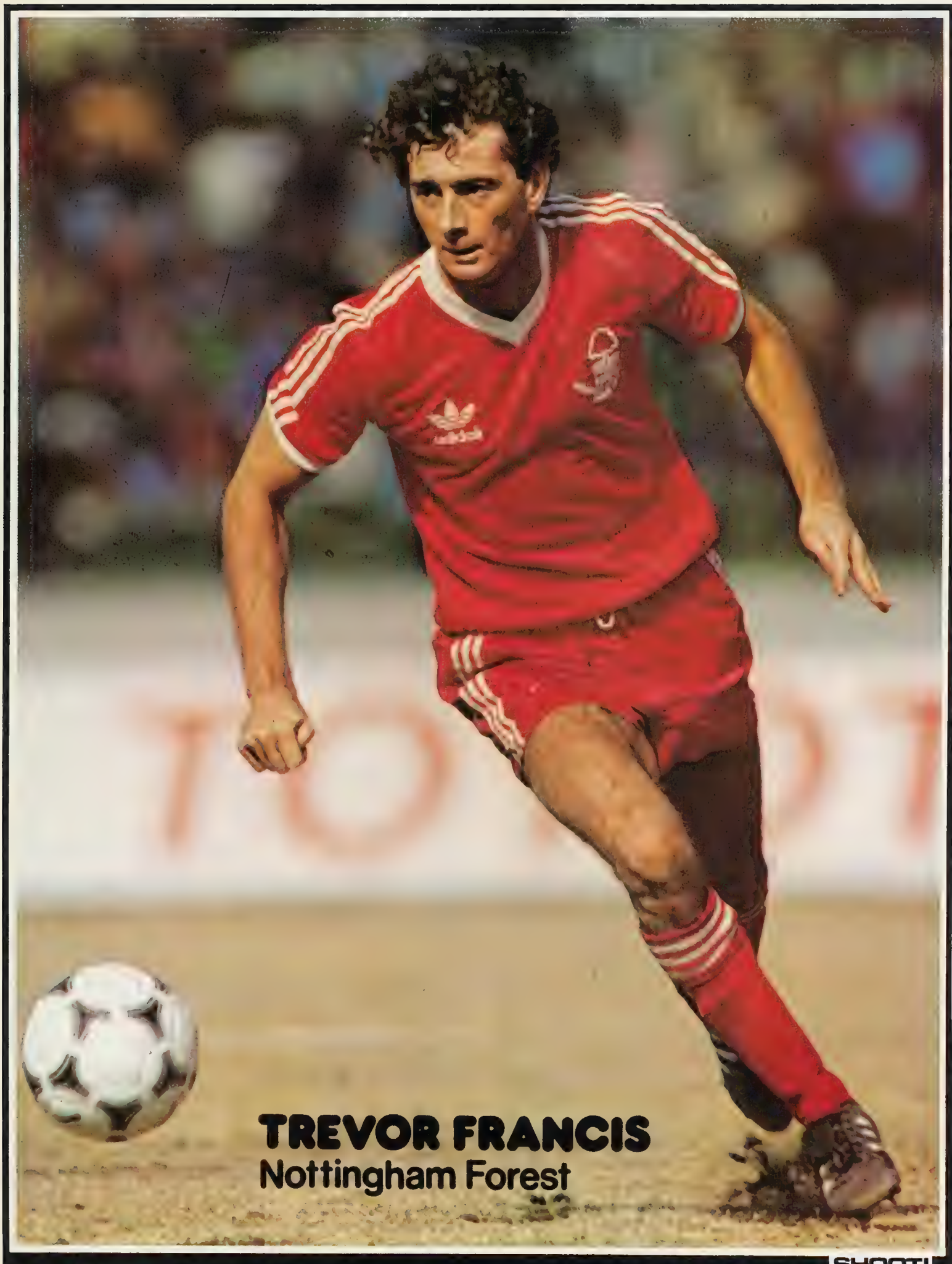
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Cases in point recently occurred in Mexico, where Atlético Madrid were on the wrong end of two red cards in a match against América; in Paraguay, where the national team were so upset by the fierce tackling of Español that they refused to play a second game; and in Chile where national team manager Luis Santibáñez was furious after Chile's preparation friendly against the Spaniards of Betis.

"They kicked us with amazing consistency throughout the match, and I have the feeling that they came here with the intention of deliberately injuring some of my key players."

In every match, one Spanish player was sent-off.

Coluna helps the kids

FOOTBALL is developing rapidly in Africa, and nowhere faster than in Mozambique, who produced dozens of players who became professionals in Portugal during their years as a colony.

One of the big forces behind the game there is Mario Coluna, a great player who captained Benfica to European Cup success and led Portugal to third place in the 1966 World Cup.

He went back to Mozambique in 1975, going into business in Beira and being a manager part-time.

But since last October he has been coaching director in a government sponsored football school in Laurencio Marques, where 80 talented boys get a formal education and coaching from Coluna every day, six days a week.

ARGENTINA goalkeeper Pato Fillol, (below) will retire after the 1982 World Cup.

"That's my decision now. I'm tired of all the problems in football and I don't have the motivation to continue. I enjoy being with the national team because it helps me forget all the troubles at my club River Plate," he said.

River are heavily in debt and may have to sell Mario Kempes because they can't afford to pay Valencia the remainder of the £1.6 million fee. They've had 12 players sent-off in 15 games and were knocked out of the Copa Libertadores by Colombian opposition.



CHAMPION BRADY KNOWS ABOUT PASSION NOW

WHILE Arsenal will be playing in the UEFA Cup next season, Highbury old-boy Liam Brady will be making his European Cup debut after Juventus' triumphant Italian Championship success.

The Zebras, as they're nicknamed, clinched the title and Brady can look back on a season which must have given him all he'd dreamed of.

The quietly-spoken Irishman is not given to excesses, but he says: "Football is more than a game over here. It's a form of religion... virtually the most important thing in Italians' lives."

Enthusiasm

"I thought I knew a thing or two about passion and enthusiasm after so many years in England, but there's just no comparison. Italians live for soccer."

"The intensity that surrounds the game has to be experienced to be appreciated. At home, feelings can run high, but they're put aside

in the evening. Here, it never lets up.

"A defeat isn't just a disappointment, as it is to Arsenal supporters. It's a major catastrophe, like an earthquake, except that human beings are to blame: us."

"There are three daily papers for sport, which in effect means football. That means everything is scrutinised over and over again. If the papers are fickle, like the fans, it's because they care for the game so much."

"Football is my job, but I'm aware it touches people's hearts here. When I say soccer is everything, I mean exactly that. It puts a lot of pressure on us."

Brady joins Kevin Keegan and Laurie Cunningham as an export to have won a foreign title-winners' medal.



KROL TOPS

HOLLAND captain Ruud Krol is still the most successful foreigner in Italy as far as the match-by-match ratings in the four leading publications are concerned. But Liam Brady's eight goals make him the top marksman amongst the imports.

KROL (Napoli)	6.75
Falcao (Roma)	6.59
Juan (Avellino)	6.56
Neumann (Udinese)	6.56
Brady (Juventus)	6.49
Prohaska (Inter)	6.39
Van der Korput (Torino)	6.30
Eneas (Bologna)	6.18
Bertoni (Fiorentina)	5.79
Fortunato (Perugia)	5.50
Silvio (Pistoiese)	5.45

WORLD CUP K.O.'S

KICK-OFF times for next year's World Cup matches in Spain have finally been decided after a good deal of discussion.

Thankfully, the games scheduled for 'hot' cities in central and southern Spain will begin at 8 or 9pm local time (7 or 8pm in Britain), but one of the Semi-Finals will kick off at 5.15 in Barcelona when, on a normal July afternoon, the temperature in the sun could be well into the 30s.

BERND SCHUSTER is still causing the Barcelona directors a lot of headaches.

The latest incidents arose from the West German midfielder's refusal to accompany the rest of the Barcelona squad on a Mexican tour — and then left Spain without permission to join the West German squad in Stuttgart prior to their friendly against Brazil.

The club later tried to smoothe over their troubled waters in a series of statements to the Press, but it's no secret that Schuster is beginning to wear down their patience...

AT the halfway mark in Argentina's Metropolitan Championship, Diego

Maradona's Boca Juniors held top place, four points clear of the season's surprise team Ferro Carril Oeste. Here are the top positions: 1 Boca Juniors 28pts. 2 Ferro 24pts. 3 Newell's 22pts. 4 Racing 20pts. 5 Independiente, River Plate and Rosario Central, all on 18pts. Top scorer is Maradona's Boca Juniors team-mate Miguel Angel Brindisi.

WORLD CUP 'ASSASSIN' HAS A POOR MEMORY

SOME Manchester United fans may remember an Argentine gentleman by the name of Carlos Bilardo — a member of the Estudiantes side that beat United 2-1 on aggregate in 1968 to take the Intercontinental Cup.

United goalkeeper Alex Stepney (seen here making a save against Estudiantes) remembers: "Their chief assassin in both games was a player called Bilardo. He was said to be a doctor. From my position in the goalmouth I watched his systematic way of chopping players from behind, kicking them when the ball was at the other end, and regularly making vicious over-the-top tackles."

But United weren't the only critics of Bilardo. In South America he was rumoured to take the field with pins concealed in his hands and even that he smeared his fingers with chemicals and rubbed them into opponents' eyes to cause temporary blindness.

But Bilardo is now manager of Colombia's national team, and in a recent interview he was asked to recall some of the controversial rumours of brutality surrounding his career with Estudiantes.

He mentioned the match at 'Old Trafford' against United.

Here's what he said: "The night before the match was enough to drive anybody mad. All the windows in our bedrooms were smashed by people hurling stones. And they hired a band to keep us awake by playing music in the street outside until dawn."

"We even heard gun-battles outside. But we won the match 1-0."

I won't accuse the Colombia manager of lying, but it does seem as though his memory is not all that it should be. The match was a 1-1 draw for a start...



—WHY THESE SCOTS ARE— LOOKING FORWARD TO 1981-82

QUIETLY spoken Bobby Houston isn't one for rash promises, but he states boldly and firmly: "It's time I let the Morton fans see the real me."

"Last season I joined them from Kilmarnock and I was delighted with the opportunity to remain in the Premier Division."

"Maybe I tried too hard to please. I was aware that Benny Rooney had put his faith in me, but, unfortunately, things didn't really take off."

"Now, though, I think I can produce the goods next season. I've got a lot to prove. Let's face it, consistency has hardly been my strong point."

"I'm 29 so I should be at my peak. I don't think I've made the progress I should have. I won Scottish caps at the old Under-23 level when I was with Partick Thistle, but didn't carry on from there."

"I was in and out of the Firhill first team, and that did nothing to help my career or

Bobby's best is yet to come



confidence. And then I was told that Celtic were interested in me."

"People were talking about the possibility of a swop deal with Jackie McNamara leaving Celtic for Thistle and myself going in the opposite direction."

"I could hardly sleep for thinking about the possibility of playing for a team as great as Celtic, but at the end of the day McNamara, I'm told, rejected Thistle's terms and signed for Hibs instead."

"That's football, I suppose. A few years later I was transferred ... to Kilmarnock."

"Actually I enjoyed life at Rugby Park and had a rapport with the fans there. They were good to me, but we were doomed to relegation when I was sold to Morton last season."

"The fee was only £25,000, but it meant a lot to me. Morton have to be careful with their cash and manager Benny Rooney had to think hard before making his move."

"Now I'm looking ahead to the new season and the opportunity of showing the Morton supporters that I still have a lot to offer."

THE most overworked goalkeeper in Scotland last season was undoubtedly the unfortunate John Brough of relegated Hearts.

But despite the painful experiences, Brough says: "I think I will be a better goalkeeper after my first taste of soccer in the Premier Division."

"The pressure was on constantly and I certainly got plenty of practice. I like to be involved in a game, but I hardly got a chance to draw breath in some matches!"

"I'll never forget the night we lost to Celtic at Parkhead. It finished 6-0 and all I can remember was this tide of green and white coming at me right from the first whistle."

"But I believe you must work at your game in football and try to learn something from every match. I picked up a thing or two last season!"

The athletic Brough was blameless for Hearts' slide out of the Premier Division. Statistics will cruelly show that he conceded 66 goals in 34 games and that he had only six clean sheets to his credit.

Courageous

What those facts and figures will not show were his courageous, last gasp efforts to revive the ailing Hearts.

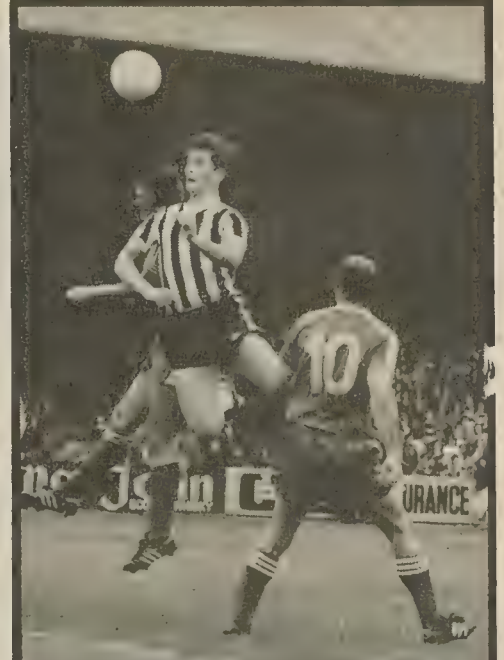
Brough, in fact, received some reward from a long, arduous season when Jock Stein gave him an Under-21 cap against Denmark at Pittodrie. Again Brough performed bravely as the Scots won 2-1.

"I enjoyed my brief stint on the international front," says Brough. "Obviously, I would like to play again for my country, but at the moment I must concentrate on getting things right with Hearts."

"Next season will be a real challenge to everyone at the club. We are all bitterly disappointed at last season's failure and we are determined to atone."

"The club has been going through a bad period and it's up to the players to give the fans something to cheer in the near future."

Blameless Brough



Somner's target- Europe

TWO seasons ago St. Mirren's powerful striker Doug Somner finished the programme with 31 goals, and there was the promise that there was a lot more to come.

Last term, however, was a bit of a nightmare for Doug, who never put any pressure on Celtic's double-act of Charlie Nicholas and Frank McGarvey as they shared top spot in the marksman's table with 25 goals.

But is Doug disheartened? "Not at all," says the man who cost the Love Street side a bargain £100,000 from Partick Thistle two years ago. "I can't wait for the start of the new season."

"Okay, I hardly set the heather on fire last time out, but I know I can do a lot better. I scored 16 and would have been happier with double that amount."

Unsettled

"There were a few changes at St. Mirren during the season and obviously it unsettled the players. Manager Jim Clunie, of course, was sacked in controversial circumstances and then Ricky McFarlane took over."

"Sadly we didn't do enough to book a place in Europe next season and we will miss that."

"I enjoyed playing in the UEFA Cup last term, but unfortunately we were knocked out by St-Etienne, who were going very strongly at the time."

"We drew at Love Street in the first leg, but lost 2-0 in France. With a bit more experience of football at that level we might have succeeded and that's why we were so determined to get into Europe again in the new season."

Following Clunie's dismissal, it was hardly surprising that some of the criticism rubbed off on the players and a bit of polish went out of their play.

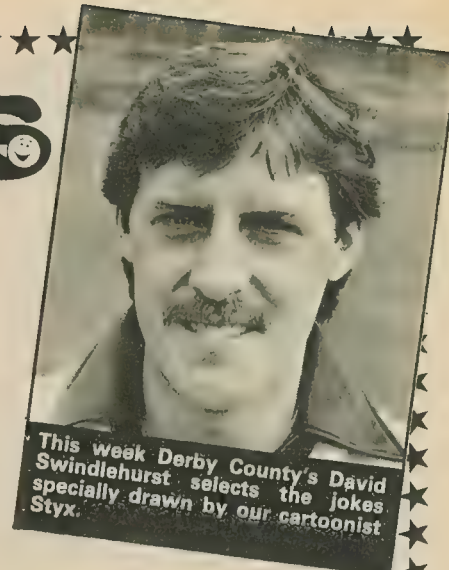
Next season, the St. Mirren fans will want to see Doug Somner driving forward relentlessly in pursuit of more goals.

St. Mirren — and Somner — will not fail for lack of trying.

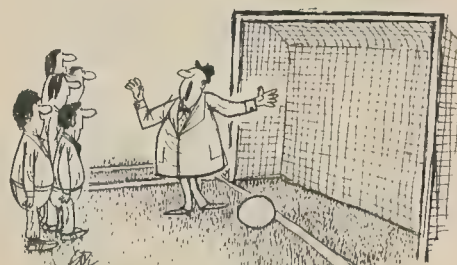
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KEN Swain is acclaimed by many experts and fans alike as the best right-back in England — just 83 games after his career was re-shaped by Aston Villa manager Ron Saunders.

The Villa chief offered him the number two shirt for a three-match experiment in August, 1979. That was enough to convince Saunders that he could afford to sell England cap John Gidman.

Villa made a net profit of £550,000 on transferring Gidman to Everton and switching Swain, a £100,000 bargain from Chelsea, from the striker's role he occupied at Stamford Bridge.

He was officially installed as Villa's first-choice right-back on October 13, 1979, and only 17 months later, he was voted into

out-and-out left-winger in Tony Morley, this swings the opposing defence to that side and leaves more opportunity for Des Bremner and myself to go up on the right."

Swain was a relative latecomer on the League scene. He qualified as a schoolteacher in physical education and handicraft and played for Wycombe Wanderers before joining Chelsea at the age of 21.

Chelsea were then starting to slip below the glory standards established during the time of Peter Osgood, Charlie Cooke and Co. By 1975 they were in the Second Division and the dream of

building a super-stadium had wrecked the club's finances.

"To be fair to them, they were crippled by debts which they possibly couldn't have foreseen," he says. "We got promotion with a young side managed by Eddie McCreadie in 1977, but that turned out to be an anti-climax for me personally.

"I was left out just before the end of the season. I remember watching from the stand when the lads beat Sheffield United 4-0. They went out again for a sing-song with the fans but I stayed in the bar.

"Ken Shellito took over for the first season back in the First Division, but eventually I started questioning things — not the management — and from my own

point of view, I felt we were on the wrong tracks.

"I had my say, asked for a transfer and was with Villa inside a month. Although I was very happy in London, my pride said it didn't matter where I went, and, fortunately, a big club came in for me.

"Only players can tell you that there are only three or four really big clubs in all respects. You feel that as soon as you arrive at the ground. Playing for Chelsea at Villa Park, I could sense the aura of the place.

"When I first talked terms with Ron Saunders, my father and father-in-law both said: 'You join Villa. They're a big club and always have been.'

"And there was something about pulling on a Villa shirt for the first time. I can't explain it exactly but there was a special feeling."

Many good judges would now suggest that Swain might also have the special feeling of wearing an England shirt soon. But he says: "I don't take too much notice of all the England talk. Realistically, I am 29 and was unheard of as a full-back 18 months ago.

"I have always maintained that there is only one important opinion in football — the gaffer you're working for and that's Ron Saunders. But obviously it would be nice if Mr Greenwood thought highly of me."

Many experts agree... VILLA'S KEN SWAIN IS ENGLAND'S NUMBER ONE NUMBER TWO

the First Division team picked by members of the Professional Footballers' Association.

"To be so respected by fellow-professionals was a million miles away in my thoughts when the boss first suggested playing me at full-back," he said.

"I've got a lot to thank him for. I've learned more through his management in 2½ years than I did in 5½ years at Chelsea.

'Straight'

"He's got a reputation as a hard man, and maybe some players have left Villa saying he was a so-and-so. But I've found him to be a players' manager — because he's dead straight."

Swain's adjustment to defensive duties was helped by a spot of Saunders' psychology. "He told me that he wouldn't be buying anyone after I'd played a few games and I knew then that I had 100 per cent backing.

"The only thing that worried me was the instinctive part of the game. I was used to doing instinctive things as a forward but the instinct had to be different as a defender.

"I really thought that would let me down, but once the decision had been made, I was determined to put all my efforts into the job.

"Of course I still like to express myself as an attacking player. Because we play with an





The PHIL

ABOVE: Phil Thompson fought his way into the first team reckoning and made his debut at Old Trafford against Man Utd. in April, 1972. He is pictured above in an early game.

LEFT . . . After making his full England debut in March, 1976 against Wales, Phil scored his first goal (seen celebrating) for his country v. Italy in America in his sixth appearance.

BELOW . . . Phil in action during the 1978 League Cup Final which Nottingham Forest won 1-0 in a replay.



LEFT . . . Thompson shows the European Cup trophy to the jubilant Liverpool supporters after their recent 1-0 win against Real Madrid in Paris. Although not a classic in terms of skill, the atmosphere was electric, particularly after Alan Kennedy scored the only goal of the game with just nine minutes remaining. It was a personal triumph for Phil because he missed Liverpool's 1977 Final win through injury.





LEFT ... A year later he was celebrating a League Championship triumph as Liverpool won their eighth title with a points total of 60.

RIGHT ... In 1974, Phil appeared in his first F.A. Cup Final when Bill Shankly's men reached Wembley and met Newcastle United. Liverpool completely dominated the afternoon and ran out comfortable winners 3-0, with two goals from Kevin Keegan and one from Steve Heighway.



THOMPSON story



LEFT ... After missing the Rome Final, Phil was in the side which retained the European Cup in 1978 when they beat Belgium opponents Bruges 1-0 with a goal by Kenny Dalglish.

RIGHT ... Thompson has captained his country in the absence of recognised skipper Kevin Keegan. Here, he blocks a shot from Scotland's Don Masson.



RIGHT ... Thompson and Ray Kennedy with the First Division League Championship trophy after Liverpool clinched it for a record breaking 12th time following a superb 4-1 win against Aston Villa at Anfield in the deciding League game of the 1979-80 season.

LEFT ... Apart from winning the European Cup for the third time, Liverpool broke new ground last season when they beat West Ham in a replay at Villa Park, after a 1-1 draw at Wembley, to win the Football League Cup for the first time in their history and so add another trophy to the impressive list at Anfield.



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

Computer Puzzle

Frank Worthington

Programme this star First Division striker by plugging the gaps in his League career.



1. His first League club was —, whom he joined in 1963.
2. He joined — in 1972 for £100,000.
3. He was the First Division's top scorer in season —.
4. He has been capped — times for England.
5. He will be rejoining — in 1981-82

after a summer playing in the NASL.

Computer performance rating: 5 Superb; 4 Excellent; 3 Good.

Jumbled Strikers

Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the names of some of Britain's top strikers and their clubs.

1. VEDIAOOPREC (GSARRNE)
2. DDVAIOONNHSJ (PLOVRIOE)
3. TEERPEIHWI (OATNSLVLA)
4. YOTNLLWKOE (EETRXX)
5. KRNAFEGMYRVA (ICCTLE)
6. TEEVSCDBRLHAIA (TTMNHOE)
7. BBIREOOCKCE (EERPTBUHOGR)
8. KMRAECGMEH (NDRAEBEE)
9. UALPRRMNEAI (WHISCIP)
10. YNADRGYA (VSWLOE)

World Cup

England and Northern Ireland were involved in World Cup qualifying games recently. Can you answer the following questions about their games?

1. England played Switzerland first and were beaten 2-1. Terry McDermott scored their only goal. He came on at half-time as a substitute for Trevor Francis, Paul Mariner or Kevin Keegan?

2. Claudio Sulser was one of the Swiss heroes. Did he score their

first or second goal?

3. England came back well to beat Hungary 3-1 in Budapest? Did Phil Neal or Mick Mills play right-back for the side?

4. Northern Ireland's World Cup hopes took a knock when they were beaten 1-0 by Sweden. Did Jimmy or Chris Nicholl make the tackle which resulted in the Swedes getting their goal from a penalty?

5. Which Northern Ireland player was later sent-off with Sweden's goalscorer Borg?

PICTURE PUZZLE

Study the action photograph, taken during a League match between Stoke City and Coventry City, and answer the following questions.

1. The Stoke player in the stripes is Mike Doyle. Which club did he begin his League career with?

2. Can you identify the Coventry City player on the right?

3. The game, played in April, finished in a 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2 draw?

4. Did Stoke City finish the 1980-81 season in a higher League position than Coventry City?



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ANSWERS:

WORLD CUP: 1. Francis, 2. Second, 3. Neal, 4. Jimmy Nicholl, 5. Terry Cochran.
PICTURE PUZZLE: 1. Manchester City, 2. Tom English, 3. 2-2, 4. Yes.
JUMBLED STRIKERS: 1. Davie Cooper (Rangers), 2. David Johnson (Liverpool), 3. Peter Withe (Aston Villa), 4. Tony Kellow (Exeter), 5. Frank McGarvey (Celtic), 6. Steve Archibald (Tottenham), 7. Robbie Cooke (Peterborough), 8. Mark McGhee (Aberdeen), 9. Paul Mariner (Ipswich), 10. Andy Gray (Wolves).
COMPUTER PUZZLE: 1. Huddersfield Town, 2. Leicester City, 3. 1978-79, 4. Eight, 5. Birmingham City.

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (3) Ivan. (4) Hit. (6) Kenny. (7) Eddie. (9) Ebb. (13) Craggs. (14) Practice. (16) Valencia. (17) Muhren. (19) Ado. (21) Harry. (23) Price. (24) Ron. (25) Carr.

DOWN:— (1) Aitken. (2) Saunders. (4) Hod (5) Bye. (8) Digweed. (10) Butcher. (11) Brian. (12) Octet. (15) Hinnigan. (18) Cherry. (20) Opt. (22) Ran.

RAY STEWART

Stewart gets up to head clear from Glenn Hoddle for Scotland against England at Wembley.

SCOTLAND'S SMASH HIT!

prefer the deeper position and then be ideally placed to back up moves.

"I don't count myself as one of the fancy players. Win the ball and use it — that has to be my contribution."

In saying that, the gifted young Hammer is selling himself short. His first three Scotland performances have established him as a player with the world at his feet.

His positive, polished touch on the ball and his readiness to use either foot show him to be one of the most exciting young prospects in British football.

Like all top players, he seems to produce his best on the great occasions. His first appearance at Hampden produced a goal and a major share in an important Scottish victory.

After the defeat by Wales in Swansea, the Scots desperately needed a lift and his goal provided it.

'Ambition'

Then he shone at Wembley, which is becoming almost his second home. "It has to be part of any player's ambition to not just play there... but as often as possible," he says.

"Everyone is reminding me about my games there and they are certainly mounting fast: in the Scottish schoolboy team, in the F.A. Cup Final, Charity Shield, League Cup Final and now for Scotland."

There must be a great many more showpiece matches to come for the Scot who knows England's home far better than he does Hampden Park. Stewart has grabbed with both hands his opportunity of an international career and now is about to break into First Division football with West Ham.

"I must admit that I was a bit anxious after we lost to the Welsh because it was our first defeat in seven matches and I spent two anxious days wondering whether I would be one of the changes."

"I was delighted to be given that second cap and I ended the Championship genuinely feeling part of the Scottish squad. I feel tremendously excited now about my career: you can't ask for more than First Division AND international football."

I smashed it with my right foot... and it was a great feeling to see my shot rocket past Pat Jennings."

Steve Archibald, speaking after that Wembley triumph so precious to every Scottish supporter, said: "The great difference between us and England was Ray. They had no one to counter his ball winning role in midfield."

By any standard, it was a dramatic beginning for Stewart as a Scotland player and now boosts him straight into the World Cup reckoning.

"I'm counting on nothing," he insists. "I just hope that I've done enough to be part of the squad."

"That is what manager Jock Stein was talking about all the time during the ten days we were together... always 'the squad', never 'the team'. I just hope that he now looks back at the three matches and reckons that I did my work well enough."

"I'm not bothered where I play as long as I do my job in the overall team performance. When it comes to midfield, however, I

THE British Championship may not have glittered with dazzling football — but all of Scotland voted Ray Stewart a hit.

The dynamic arrival of the 21-year-old West Ham player as an international of rare talent made him the discovery of the tournament.

He played right and left-back against Wales; then midfield anchor man in the victories against reigning Champions Northern Ireland at Hampden Park and over England at Wembley.

To set the seal on his entry to international football, he scored a superb goal against Northern Ireland.

"That was one of my two best moments in football — the other was that last minute penalty against Liverpool at Wembley to earn us a replay in the League Cup Final," he says.

"Tommy Burns squared the ball to me and it bounced perfectly on the Hampden turf. Then

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"Why I may leave Forest."



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"Why I'm staying at Ipswich."



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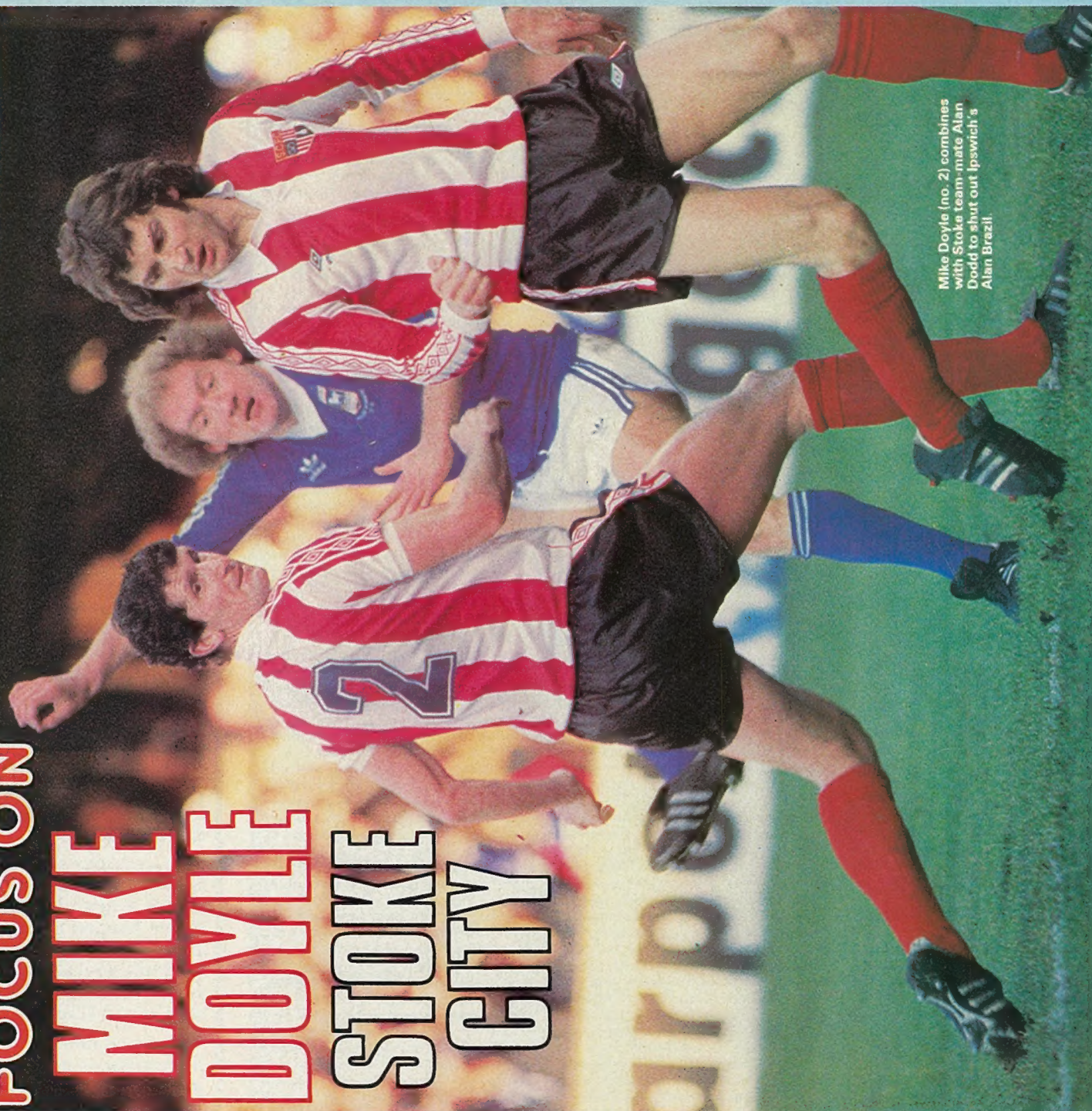
And in colour — Focus on Ipswich star striker Alan Brazil, England skipper Kevin Keegan finds a place in the sun, international action of England's superb World Cup win in Hungary.

There's so much happening in next week's SHOOT — don't miss it!

FOCUS ON MIKE DOYLE STOKE CITY

FULL NAME: Mike Doyle
BIRTHPLACE: Manchester
BIRTHDATE: November 25, 1947
HEIGHT: 6ft
WEIGHT: 11st 10lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Manchester City
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: Natalie 11, Scott 9
CAR: Honda Accord
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Express
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Bobby Charlton (past), Diego Maradona (present)
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Paul Bracewell
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester City
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Bobby Charlton
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf and squash
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: 11, every Saturday
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Man. City v Newcastle, League Cup Final 1976
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Leaving Man. City
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Manchester United
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINKS: Continental food, Guinness and gin and tonic
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Cards in the pub on Sunday/ignorant people
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Anywhere the sun shines
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Dustin Hoffman and Candice Bergen
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Golf or squash
FAVOURITE SINGERS: ELO, Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Carly Simon
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Go out for a meal and a drink with friends
BEST FRIEND: Wife and kids
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Johnny Hart at Maine Road. He made me realise how important discipline is on and off the field, and never be afraid to work until you drop to improve yourself
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Nine England Under 23 caps, six full caps and two Football League caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? No idea
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Carly Simon

Mike Doyle



Mike Doyle (no. 2) combines with Stoke team-mate Alan Dodd to shut out Ipswich's Alan Brazil.